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DESPERATE GANG

Superintendent Moffatt Has Instructed His Men

To Keep Their Revolvers in Fighting Trim and to be on the Watch for Gang of Burglars—Officers Will Not Take Any Chances

The shooting gang of safe blowers and robbers that has operated in various parts of Essex county for the last few months have put the police in this vicinity on their mettle. The death of one of the gang, due to the straight aim of a Boston police officer yesterday morning, has strengthened the determination of the police to either corrall or exterminate the gang. Last evening Supt. Moffatt issued a special bulletin advising all his officers to have their revolvers primed and loaded. The officers were made familiar, at the roll call last evening and at 1.30 this morning, with the character of the men and the depredations committed by them since the middle of November, when two safes were blown in Peabody.

The local police officers were given to understand that the gang was not a safe one to take chances with and they were ordered to guard their beats with increased watchfulness; to inspect lights in stores and look into all cases of unlocked doors. If they have suspicions that all is not right a thorough investigation must be made.

HAVE OPERATED EXTENSIVELY.

The gang has operated in surrounding towns and cities and while the blowing out of the life candle of one member of the gang may result in a period of quiet the police believe there is every reason to suppose that they will renew hostilities and there is no reason to believe that they would take extra pains to give Lowell a wide berth. "Have your revolvers cleaned, loaded and ready for action" was the plain reading of the bulletin issued at headquarters last evening.

The police are not in possession of any accurate description of the gang of looters, but they have a very meagre description of three of them and the gang's work has been so extensively carried on that their modus operandi is well known to the police. All this was explained to the officers at the roll call last evening and this morning. The robbers are as methodical as it is possible for men in their business to be. They do not indulge in guess work so far as the location of loot is concerned. The gang consists of two parts, an advance guard and the operators. The advance guard visits the town or city, locates the scene of action and lays plans for the carrying out of the burglary, so that when the safe blowers strike town they are ready for business and familiar with the ground. Their organization is as perfect as it can be and this fact alone makes it extremely difficult for the police to cope with them. The fact, however, that the police in the various cities have been told to "take no chances," renders the operations of the gang a trifle dangerous.

WATCHMAN BRUTALLY ASSAULTED

The state police are positive that the long line of burglaries committed in various sections of the county since the middle of November has been the work of the murderous gang that rifled the office of the Metropolitan Coal company, leaving the watchman for dead, at East Boston, yesterday morning.

State Officer Whitney was in Lowell yesterday afternoon and was closeted with Supt. Moffatt for more than an hour. Gen. Whitney believes that the gang is one of the most dangerous that ever infested this section of the country and he thinks they would not hesitate to murder.

HEADQUARTERS IN LYNN.

He is of the opinion that the safe blowers have headquarters in Lynn. It is a well known fact that Lynn has more ex-convicts within her gates than any city in Massachusetts and when crimes, such as have been committed by the gang in question, are reported, the state police pay particular attention to that city. Others of the state officers are of the opinion that the gang came to Massachusetts from New York, but all this will be purely conjecture unless the member of the gang who was shot to death at East Boston yesterday morning is identified.

The gang has operated in Peabody, Danvers, Haverhill, Merrimac, Groveland and East Boston. The state police and the police in the various cities and towns throughout the state are united in the endeavor to bring this desperate gang to justice.

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HORSE RAN AWAY

Firemen Found "Ben" in Pelham

ANIMAL TOOK SPIN OF SEVERAL MILES

Ran From Branch Street Engine House

A peculiar incident occurred at the Branch street engine house this morning in which "Ben," a horse belonging to the steamer Torrent, made things lively for several hours and gave several of the firemen a journey out to Pelham before he was captured.

Chief Hosmer keeps his wagon at the Branch street house during the night and this morning when the alarm from box 34 rang in shortly after 6 o'clock, as is the custom every horse in the stable rushed to its position in front of the respective wagons.

The hose wagon at this house responds to 34, but the steamer does not go unless a second alarm is rung in. Harry Sanders, the chief's driver, hitched his horse and as the steamer was not going several of the engine men assisted in getting the hose wagon out, as two of the men on the hose were at breakfast.

"Ben" after going to his position in front of the engine and finding that he was not needed immediately turned around and going back to the stable entered the stall next to his and when the chief's wagon started to leave the stable followed it out but instead of going up Smith street the horse started up Middlesex street at a furious rate of speed. He continued up Middlesex to Wilder and from there down to Gage's ice houses and up Pawtucket to School, over the bridge to the Mammoth road.

Some one at Richardson's farm in Collinsville telephoned to the fire station that the horse was seen going towards Pelham a little after 6.30 and about 7 o'clock it was learned that the animal had been captured at Cutter's farm just over the Pelham line. Several of the members of the company were sent in search of the stray animal and finally located it and drove it back to the engine house.

Chief Hosmer said that this was the first time that a horse had ever done any thing like this, but thought it strange that the horse instead of following his wagon took another route.

POISON CASES

Two Narrow Escapes From Death

LAUDANUM TAKEN BY WALTER WHITWORTH

Mary Donoghue Drank Creolin

Walter Whitworth, a cobbler, doing business at 21 Whipple street and residing at 54 Sidney street, got a quantity of laudanum into his midst by mistake last night and only by the prompt and effective work of Dr. John Boyle was his life saved.

About 8 o'clock last evening Whitworth took some peppermint and mixed it with what he supposed to be Jamaica ginger. Immediately after taking the drink he felt strange effects and taking another look at the "ginger" bottle learned to his horror that he had drunk an ounce of laudanum. Dr. Boyle was hastily summoned and the latter upon learning the nature of the case applied a stomach pump with good effect and relief was given almost immediately.

Whitworth was removed in the ambulance to St. John's hospital where he was made comfortable. It was stated that he will recover.

A SIMILAR MISTAKE.

By a similar mistake Mary, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Florence P. Donoghue of 362 Lincoln street, had a narrow escape from death last evening. Her parents gave her a dose of creolin, supposing it to be cough medicine. Dr. Wesley Sawyer who was called made the little sufferer comfortable. Her condition is not dangerous.

WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair tonight. Saturday fair, with rising temperature; fresh north to northeast winds.

SKATES—Hollow ground, 5c per pair. Morrison's Auto Co., 195-199 Moody street.

COVER UNMOVED

Will Not Agree to Dowd's Pardon

WILL ENGAGE COUNSEL TO FIGHT PARDON

Says He Is Positive of Identification

Although the aid of several friends of J. B. Cover, including Mayor Howe, has been sought by those interested in the pardon of Dowd, one of the Lawrence men sentenced to life imprisonment for assault upon Mr. Cover, to get Mr. Cover to withdraw his objection to Dowd's pardon, that gentleman remains unmoved and states that if necessary he will engage counsel to assist him in keeping Dowd in prison.

A short time ago Thomas F. Logue, Dowd's alleged pal, was pardoned on the ground that he was suffering from a fatal disease, but since his release he has gained in health and there is every reason that he will recover.

Mr. Cover when seen by reporters last night in regard to the movement to pardon Dowd, made the following emphatic statement:

"When I went before the governor's council I thought Logue's days were numbered. I had no idea that he was to be pardoned to regain his health and get back into the world once more. It wasn't right. He was one of the men who knocked me down, stole my money and shattered my health, and he should suffer for it. It stead he is liberated after serving only a short time in state prison.

"I am told that they are now trying to pardon Dowd. I will state right here that I shall oppose the pardon of Dowd, and shall appear with counsel before the governor's council as a remonstrant. There is no reason why Dowd should not serve his sentence. They claim that they can prove his innocence, I am positive they can't. Do you think I can ever forget his face? And do you think I can ever forget Logue's face? It is impossible. I am positive that they were the men, just as positive as the day when I identified them in the guard room at the police station."

Elegant furs for Xmas gifts at Chris Holmes', 124-126 Merrimack st.

You Look Comical

That's a fact, you certainly do. That little knot of hair on the back of your head! Don't you wish it were larger? Wouldn't you like to have long, rich, heavy hair? Don't forget this song: "One thing is certain, Ayer's Hair Vigor makes the hair grow." J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Best Layer Figs.....18c lb.
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Good Loose Raisins.....8c lb.
Fine Loose Raisins.....10c lb.
Best Loose Raisins.....12c lb.
Fine Seeded Raisins.....11c pkg.
Best Seeded Raisins.....13c pkg.
California Seedless Raisins 13c pkg.
Fine Cleaned Currants....10c pkg.
Best Cleaned Currants....12c pkg.
Fine Washed Currants 3 lbs. 25c, 9c lb.
Best Candied Citron.....18c lb.
Crosse & Blackwell's Candied Orange and Lemon Peel..18c lb.
Evaporated Apricots.....15c lb.
Evaporated Peaches.....10c lb.
Large Silver Prunes.....15c lb.
California Prunes
.....2 lbs. 25c, 15c lb.
.....2 1-2 lbs. 25c, 12c lb.
.....3 lbs. 25c, 10c lb.
.....4 lbs. 25c, 7c lb.
.....6 lbs. 25c, 5c lb.
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Quart bottle.....25c
Small bottle.....12c
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Queen Olives 25c, 35c and 60c bottle
Spanish Olives..20c and 30c bottle
Baby Olives.....10c bottle
Stuffed Olives.....10c bottle
Pim Olas.....18c and 35c bottle
Queen Olives.....35c quart
Sour Pickles.....15c quart
Sweet Pickles.....25c quart
Sour Krout.....10c quart
Heinz Ketchup.....25c bottle
Blue Label Ketchup 15c, 20c. bottle
Good Ketchup, 3 bottles 25c, 10c bottle
Heinz India Relish.....25c bottle
Walnut Catsup, 20c and 35c bottle
Mushroom Catsup, 20c and 35c bottle
Snider's Oyster Cocktail Sauce, 25c bottle
Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce....25c, 45c and 70c bottle
Halford Sauce.....35c bottle
Tabasco Sauce.....40c bottle
Essence Anchovies.....20c bottle
Bloater Paste.....35c bottle
English Sauce.....10c bottle
Pepper Sauce.....10c bottle

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LOWELL MAN

Suspected of Belonging to Gang of Robbers

IPSWCH, Mass., Dec. 18—It developed today that two men who were arrested by the local police last night, supposedly as tramps, were really detained on suspicion of being connected with the burglary and assault in East Boston Thursday morning.

The men gave their names as Frank Brown and James Wilson. Brown claimed to live at 62 Winter street, Haverhill, and Wilson said he had recently come from Canada and had been living in Lowell. Considerable money in small change was found in Brown's pockets, together with a pocketbook containing a number of beggar's cards with such inscriptions as "Please help the blind." State Officer Neal came here today to investigate the matter and the two men were given a hearing before Trial Justice Sayward.

LIQUOR CASES

Three Defendants Ordered to Pay Fines

"It isn't lately that I've been stubborn," said Rose Sullivan in police court today, when asked to plead to a complaint charging her with being a stubborn child.

Rose's father told the court that Rose has been a wayward girl for more than a year. She was in police court a year ago charged with being a stubborn child and since that time and up to within three weeks ago she lived with her aunt in Providence, R. I. Since she returned to Lowell she has been living here and there. A few days ago she was found in a Paige street house and was told by a police officer that the house was not a fit place for a young girl and that if she didn't leave there he would place her under arrest. She left the house the next morning and went to a friend's house in Tewksbury.

"I have been living with my aunt and she's as good as you are and a good deal better," said Rose to her father while he was on the witness stand.

Rose's aunt told the court that Rose's actions displeased her and it was her wish that the girl be sent to the House of the Good Shepherd in Boston.

"I don't want to be sent away for nothing," said Rose.

"I'll go there if they want to get rid of me," she said, "but I'll fix them when I get out."

The Lowell Sun said yesterday editorially that the stamp people were getting rich in the stamp business—who is losing? Is it the merchants? Don't be so sure; the dear public—these are lambs born every minute. If you've got the fever keep right on—if you're wise try the merchant that don't give them—the Merrimack for example.

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ARMED COLOMBIANS

Camp of 2000 Troops Discovered by Americans

COLON, Dec. 17.—7.30 a. m.—The United States cruiser, Atlanta, Commander William H. Turner, returned here last night from the gulf of Darien. She discovered Dec. 15 a detachment of Colombian troops numbering visually about 500 men, but according to their statements totalling 1500 or 2000 men at Titumato, on the western side of the gulf, just north of the mouth of the Atrato river and due east from Yavisa. The commander of the Atlanta sent ashore an officer who conversed with the Colombians' commander. The latter protested energetically against the presence of American warships in Columbian waters, inasmuch as war between Colombia and the United States had not been declared and politely requested the Atlanta to leave the gulf, because it belonged to Colombia.

Commander Turner ignored the request and the Atlanta returned to Colon to report to Rear Admiral Coghlan.

The Colombians are evidently busy with protective and strengthening measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously they decidedly resented the presence of the Atlanta's landing party. The Colombian force was composed partly of the men landed recently at the Atrato river by the Colombian cruisers, Cartagena and General Pinzon.

Early in the morning of Dec. 15 the Atlanta sighted a small schooner in the centre of the gulf of Darien and followed her to the western shore, where the schooner attempted to hide behind an islet. Lieut. Harlan P. Perrill of the Atlanta was ordered to board her and the whaleboat was lowered and pulled towards the schooner. Through the courtesy of the naval officers the correspondent of the Associated Press accompanied the party in the whaleboat. It was found that the schooner had on board a hundred armed Colombian soldiers, commanded by Gen. Rafael Novo, who said Gen. Daniel Ortiz, commander-in-chief of the Colombian forces of the Atlantic and Pacific, had a large camp a mile away on the mainland. Gen. Novo requested Lieut. Perrill to land and confer with Gen. Ortiz. After temporarily returning to the Atlanta, Lieut. Perrill went back to the schooner, which, in the meantime, had taken up a position off a beach within a small bay. Great excitement prevailed among the Colombians on the whaleboat's approach.

There were repeated cries of "Viva Columbia" and there was a sudden concentration of about 150 Colombian soldiers on the beach. For some moments the situation appeared dangerous and had the appearance of an ambuscade. Gen. Ortiz appeared on the beach when Lieut Perrill went ashore, the whaleboat in the meanwhile lying close to the beach. Gen. Ortiz insisted that Lieut. Perrill should fly the Colombian flag at the bow of the whaleboat or lower the American flag at her stern, because she was in Colombian waters. Lieut. Perrill replied that he did not have a Colombian flag and refused to lower the stars and stripes.

Gen. Ortiz did not insist upon his so doing, but he protested in writing against the presence of the Americans in Colombian waters. Lieut Perrill accepted the protest and conveyed it to Commander Turner, who handed it to Rear Admiral Coghlan on his arrival here.

During the conference with the Colombians ashore Lieut. Perrill was surrounded by Gen. Ortiz's staff while inland, a few paces there was a semi-circle of armed sentinels. The beach in both directions was also lined by sentinels. Gen. Ortiz did not permit Lieut Perrill to leave the point of the beach where he landed. While Perrill was awaiting the Colombian protest, Lieut Edward B. Manwaring, U. S. M. C., rowed up in a cutter for the purpose of talking with Lieut. Perrill and to gain certain military information. Lieut. Manwaring went ashore and the cutter joined the whaleboat off the beach.

Lieut. Perrill returned to the Atlanta at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Lieut. Manwaring before returning pulled in the cutter along the coast, observing the Colombian's camp. Later in the day Gen. Ortiz requested the Atlanta to leave.

The Colombian camp appeared to be permanent, was well provisioned and probably destined to be used as a base of operations.

Gen. Ortiz and others freely expressed the determination of Colombia to fight to the bitter end in case Gen. Reyes' visit to Washington is not successful and Panama is not returned to Colombia.

TYPHOID FEVER

Remarkable Cures are Reported

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Remarkable cures of typhoid fever patients are reported by Beth Israel hospital, where a serum imported from Italy and Switzerland is being used. Although the remedy has been in use more than three months, it has just been made public. In that time 30 cases have been treated at the hospital which is in the most crowded quarter of the East Side. Not one of the patients died and in some instances improvement set in before the fever had run more than half its regular course. The improvement was invariably permanent and many patients were dismissed from the hospital from two to three weeks before the usual time.

A small quantity of the lymph is injected into the body three times a day; sometimes in the thigh, sometimes in the breast. The operation is of the simplest and practically painless. The injections are in addition to the regular treatment for reducing the temperature, careful diet and nursing.

Physicians in charge of the institution refuse to discuss the matter fully pending the preparation of a detailed report on each case for the use of the new serum but maintain that the treatment is still in its experimental stage.

ANGRY MUSKRAT

VICIOUSLY ATTACKED A MAN IN MALDEN.

MALDEN, Dec. 17.—James H. Reed of Eastern avenue had a lively fight with a muskrat last night while on his way home near the Saugus branch creek.

The animal ran in front of him and he made a kick at and missed it. The rat then jumped at Reed and tried to bite him in the leg.

The only weapon Reed had was a large colander and he spoiled that striking at the rat. Reed finally got a stone and put an end to the fight.

He took the rat to the police station. It weighed four pounds and was the largest seen in this section in some time.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 17—M. Comtesse, a member of the Bundesrath from Neuchatel and M. Ruchet, a member from the Canton de Vaud were today elected respectively president and vice-president of Switzerland for 1904.

PLACED ON PROBATION.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec 17—Ralph E. Brancroft of Stoneham, Mass., the Brown student who was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing money from a fellow student in the gymnasium, pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of $1 in the district court today and was placed on probation until June 3.

AMBASSADOR NAMED.

VIENNA, Dec. 17—Count Rudolf Von Weisersbleim has been appointed Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Madrid in succession to Count Von Dubsky, retired.

The Itch Fiend

That is Salt Rheum or Eczema,—one of the outward manifestations of scrofula.

It comes in itching, burning, oozing, drying, and scaling patches, on the face, head, hands, legs or body.

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APPOINTMENT MADE

JOSEPH F. ROARKE CLERK OF BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Supt. of Buildings Conlon yesterday appointed Joseph F. Roarke of 222 Charles street to the position of clerk in the lands and buildings department, which has been held temporarily by John F. Connors. Mr. Roarke was appointed from the general civil service list in which he stood second with a rank of 89.40 per cent., the first man on the list being Stanley Gun, son of the ex-city solicitor, and a law student.

By the appointment of Mr. Roarke Supt. Conlon gets one of the best clerks in Lowell and The Sun, where Mr. Roarke has been employed as assitant accountant for the last nine years, loses one. Mr. Roarke is intelligent, steady and thoroughly honest and can be depended upon to fill the position acceptably.

He is unmarried and lives with his widowed mother. He is a member of the Y. M. C. I. and Industry Council, R. A. His co-laborers of The Sun unite in wishing him success and congratulate the superintendent on the wisdom of his selection.

STOPPED LOOM

A PITTSFIELD MILL EMPLOYE SAVED ANOTHER GIRL'S LIFE.

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 17—Presence of mind and swift action on the part of Miss Anna Clark, an operative in the Pontoosuc woolen mill, saved her fellow employe, Miss Christine Wheldon, from a terrible injury in the mill yesterday afternoon. Both young women are weavers, and while attempting to mend a broken thread, Miss Wheldon's hair was caught in the gears of a fast running loom. Miss Clark at the next loom witnessed the accident, sprang to a lever of Miss Wheldon's loom, and stopped the machine which was making 400 revolutions a minute. Another revolution would have torn Miss Wheldon's scalp from her head.

Miss Wheldon was unable to continue work from the shock.

TREATY VIOLATED

CHARGE MADE AGAINST FRENCH FISHERMEN.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17.—Advices from Newfoundland state that complaints have been received at St. Johns, from Dark Harbor, of an alleged violation of the treaty of Paris by French fishermen. It is claimed that fishermen remain on shore at Dark Harbor and that others are expected.

The treaty of Paris, drawn up in 1763, allows French fishermen to remain on the so-called French shore of Newfoundland during the fishing season. This season is now over, and it is expected the authorities will make an inquiry.

BROWN MAY DIE

WAS INTERNALLY INJURED BY A HUG.

WESTERLY, R. I., Dec. 17—John Brown, 14, an employe of the Cottrell press works, may die from the effects of internal injuries inflicted at play yesterday.

Young Brown with John Whenele and Joseph Ogston, were skylarking about the factory, and among other things they were trying to see how hard they could hug one another. Whenele and Ogston finally caught Brown in a sort of a strangle hold and they held him so tightly that when he was released he fell to the floor unconscious. A physician declared that the boy had been ruptured and that internal organs had been badly injured.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton futures opened strong. Dec. 12.36, Jan. 12.46; Feb. offered, 12.56; March, 12.60; May, 12.75; June, 12.78; July 12.78; Aug. 12.40.

GREAT TRIBUTE

Paid to the Late Bishop Bradley

MILLS WERE CLOSED DURING SERVICE

Singing by a Choir of Priests

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 17—The funeral of Right Rev. Denis M. Bradley, bishop of the New Hampshire diocese, took place at 10.30 o'clock this forenoon and was the most impressive ceremony ever held in this state. All business in this city was at a standstill while the service was in progress and the mills and schools were closed.

St. Joseph's cathedral on Pine street, in which the mass was celebrated, was crowded, and it is estimated that 10,000 people were in the vicinity of the church. Every local Catholic society was represented. With few exceptions every priest in the diocese was present. There was a large delegation of clergy and laymen from Portland, Me.

The body of the dead prelate reposed on a catafalque in the cathedral. The Right Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, bishop of Springfield, Mass., was celebrant of the pontifical mass of requiem and the Most Rev. John J. Williams, archbishop of Boston, assisted at the throne. About 300 of the Catholic clergy of New England were present. The body of the bishop was carried to the basement of the cathedral and placed in a tomb.

Besides Archbishop Williams of Boston and Bishop Beaven of Springfield, Mass., the Right Rev. John S. Michaud of Burlington, Vt., the Right Rev. Michael Tierney of Hartford, Conn., and the Right Rev. William H. O'Connell of Portland, Me., were in attendance.

The score of cotton mills operated by the Amoskeag corporation and its allied companies were closed, as were the smaller factories and stores.

The body of the bishop lay in state in front of the high altar of the cathedral from yesterday afternoon until this morning, guarded by members of numerous societies, which relieved each other hourly. The body was vested in the Episcopal robes, with mitre, apostolic ring and pectoral cross. The casket, made of gun metal, rested upon a catafalque five feet high in the middle aisle, near the entrance of the sanctuary, during the service. The entire interior of the cathedral was draped. Great streamers of black crepe extended from the high altar to the main entrance, and all the altars were draped in the deepest mourning.

In the early morning numerous masses for the repose of the soul of Bishop Bradley were said. At 10.30 a pontifical high mass of requiem was sung. Besides Bishop Beaven, the other officials were assistant priest, the Very Rev. Edward F. Hurley of Portland, vicar general of the Maine diocese; deacons of honor, the Rev. John Dudly of Somersworth and the Rev. J. A. Chevalier of Manchester; deacon of the mass, the Rev. J. B. V. Milette of Nashua; sub-deacon, the Rev. John J. Lyons of Manchester; acolytes, the Rev. Francis J. Howat of Manchester and the Rev. Herbert E. Hennon of Laconia; masters of ceremonies, the Rev. James H. Brennan, the Rev. Patrick J. Scott and the Rev. John Casey of Manchester.

The musical portion of the mass was sung by a choir composed of the priests of the diocese. The eulogy was delivered by the Right Rev. Mathew Harkins, D. D., bishop of Providence. Five absolutions followed, given by five New England bishops, the last by the archbishop.

ROCKEFELLER LOST

IN HIS SUIT FOR ALLEGED TRESPASS.

MALONE, N. Y., Dec. 17—William Rockefeller has been defeated in action for trespass which he brought against Oliver Lamora, a poor resident of the Adirondack mountains.

Lamora was charged with fishing in streams on Mr. Rockefeller's estate, but asserted that he had a right to do so, because the streams were stocked by the state. The case was sent back to the county court from the appellate division of the supreme court and again will be carried up on appeal, as it involves the interests of many millionaires who have large estates in the mountains and desire the hunting and fishing as their exclusive privileges.

NO RECEIVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Judge Lacombe, of the United States circuit court has denied an application recently made by Madeline Hughes and other stockholders of the compressed air company that a receiver be appointed. The court declared that the applicants had failed to make out a case.

MOSES FRENCH DEAD.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 17.—Moses French, whose father, Jonathan French, fought under General Stark at Bennington as a soldier of the revolution, died today, aged 84. Mr. French had lived in Manchester for more than 50 years and was the first to recognize the possibilities of York beach as a summer resort. In 1875 he purchased a large tract of land there and commenced the erection of hotels and cottages. He had served in the Manchester city government and was a man of unusual prominence. He leaves a daughter and three sons.

ONE PASSENGER DIED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—The steamer Teutonic arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown with 52 first and 100 second cabin passengers of the disabled Red Star line steamer Kroonland, which put into Queenstown with disabled steering gear. On Dec. 15 Mrs. Holeman of Alexandria, La., aged 45 years, a second cabin passenger from the Kroonland, died of uraemia on board the Teutonic.

The Teutonic also brought 67 packages of gold bars and sovereigns.

ROOSEVELT WON SUIT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Emlen Roosevelt and other holders of the $100,000 five per cent. bonds issued by the Etna Iron and Manufacturing Co., have won their suit against the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad company, guarantors of the bond, brought to recover unpaid interest due on Dec. 1, 1902.

By direction of Judge Wheeler, before whom the case was tried in the United States Circuit court judgment for $3,200, the full amount claimed was given to the plaintiffs. However, the suit involves the redemption of the entire bond issue when it shall fall due because of the defendants contention that its guarantee on the bonds was not binding. This defense is upset by the court's decision which fixes the railroad company's liability.

From Late Editions Yesterday

THE CANDIDATES

Men Who Want to Attend Convention

The republicans and democrats are talking about delegates to the national conventions, and although the state convention to choose them are yet four months off, there are many leaders in both parties spoken of.

The republicans are talking of sending Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, ex-Governor Winthrop Murray Crane, General William F. Draper, Congressman George P. Lawrence, Governor John L. Bates, ex-Governor John D. Long, Congressman Samuel L. Powers or William B. Plunkett as the delegates-at-large. As four are entitled to go, the chances are that there may be quite a scramble for the places, although republicans usually fix up things before they start for a convention.

The republicans have already made preparations for the convention at Chicago, and the state committee has instructed Colonel James B. Reynolds, who is now in Washington, to proceed to the convention city and arrange for hotel accommodations for the Massachusetts delegation. He leaves Washington tonight for Chicago for that purpose, and will return to Boston next week.

The Massachusetts delegation will no doubt be a thorough-going Roosevelt contingent, because Senator Lodge would not stand for anything else.

While the republicans count on being able to make their state without jarring the sensibilities of any leader who wants to take the trip to Chicago in June, the proposition among the democrats for the four places at large on the delegation to the national convention is not an easy one.

The democratic lineup includes Colonel William A. Gaston, Josiah Quincy, Mayor Patrick A. Collins, Congressman John R. Thayer, the Hon. William L. Douglas, Congressman William S. McNary, James B. Carroll, John C. Crosby, George Fred Williams and Charles S. Hamlin. As there are only four places to go around there will be an interesting contest for the places.

The bone of contention in the work of selecting the delegates will come when the name of George Fred Williams is considered. Mr. Williams is a member of the national committee from Massachusetts, and was a candidate for vice president in 1896. The reconstruction element of the democracy in Massachusetts in the past two years has not always considered Williams in their reckoning, and having been a factor in the conventions which nominated Bryan in 1896 and 1900, it is likely he will again desire to go to the next national convention. Being a close personal friend of Bryan the democratic convention will be asked to send him to the national gathering.

DARING ROBBERY

Man Was Caught in the Act

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The fact that the Boston post office has been the scene of a series of daring robberies in the past six weeks and that many merchants have suffered by the robbery of hundreds of letters containing money was brought to light today by the arrest of a man giving the name of James Connors. The man was seized by the police early today just after he had emptied the mail box of James A. Houston on the Devonshire street side of the post office. He had opened the box by using a false key. The capture of Connors was the result of a carefully laid plan of United States post office detectives, aided by private detectives who had been employed by Houston. The officers secreted themselves inside the office, behind the Houston mail box and there they arranged a string with a weight attachment. Sometime afterward the box was opened. The officers rushed out and seized the man who was standing in front of the box with both hands filled with letters. Connors claimed to have been authorized to obtain the mail. During the day he was taken back to the Federal building to be arraigned before the United States commissioner.

PROMINENT GERMAN DEAD.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 17.—Edward Wagner, one of the most prominent German residents of New Hampshire, died at his home in this city today at the age of sixty-nine. He was a native of Russian Siberia, came to America in 1855 and settled in Manchester in 1859. He engaged in the restaurant business, and through enterprise and industry extended his business affiliations until he became identified with many financial and fraternal organizations. He was a generous man, and gave largely to educational and charitable institutions. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

EMPEROR GOES HUNTING.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Emperor William, Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Russian ambassador, Count Von Osten-Sacken and a great following of other notable persons left Berlin today for the forest of Goehrde, province of Hanover on a two days' hunt.

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DEMENTED MAN

Killed Warden of County Jail

RIVER HEAD, L. I., Dec. 17.—Word has been received from Aquebogue that Tuthill Reeve, the demented farmer who yesterday shot and killed William A. Hafford, a deputy sheriff and warden of the county jail, while the latter was trying to serve an execution for debt, surrendered this morning to Sheriff Preston after an all night siege. Although Reeve had fired a number of shots from the house in which he was barricaded, not one of the besiegers was wounded. Reeve was wounded by the fire of the posses which had surrounded his house.

Reeve's wounds are not of a serious character, according to the doctors who have examined him. Reeve had been in the upper part of the house all night. A cordon of deputies had been maintained around the house during the night. It was hoped that Reeve would succumb to the severity of the weather but he did not surrender until he had received several wounds.

This morning Reeve came down to the kitchen to light the fire. He was seen to pass the two kitchen windows carrying a shotgun on his shoulders. As Reeve walked by the windows Deputies Homan and Reeve fired both barrels of their shotguns. At the same time a man on the other side of the house fired into the building, also with a shotgun. As soon as this volley had been fired the kitchen door opened and Reeve walked out. He was without a weapon and he raised his arms in the air as a signal that he desired to surrender. The posse then surrounded the man and Deputy Sheriff Gordon made him a prisoner.

Reeve cannot be induced to talk about the shooting and all efforts of the sheriff have failed to elicit any statement from him. Measures to have him committed to a sanitarium are said to have been under way when the tragedy occurred. Drs. H. J. Benjamin and H. H. Young had been asked to examine Reeve as to his sanity by the executors of his father's estate and the examination was soon to have been made.

Coroner Petersen will hold an inquest on the body of Rafford and District Attorney Livingston of Suffolk county will also conduct an inquiry today.

The feeling against Reeve which ran high at first has subsided as it is realized that the man is mentally unbalanced and not responsible for his acts.

Deputy Sheriff Rafford was attempting to serve an execution of a judgment for $104 when he was shot. Reeve lived on a farm which had been left him by his father. He had studied law for years. He has been known to be eccentric and peculiar, but had never been considered dangerous.

AMADOR LEADS

May be First President of Panama

AGUA DULCE, Republic of Panama, Wednesday, Dec. 16.—Via Panama, Dec. 17.—The Junta's decree fixing Dec. 23 as the date for the election of representatives to the national convention has been received with enthusiasm in the towns in the interior of the republic. There is no doubt that public opinion favors the canal treaty with the United States and the candidacy of Dr. Amador for the presidency.

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CASHEL ESCAPED

He Was Sentenced to be Hanged

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 17.—The Canadian government has offered a reward of $1000 for the head of Ernest Cashel, a prisoner condemned to be hanged on Tuesday last at Calgary penitentiary in the northwest territory.

On Dec. 10, at 6.15 p. m., as the day guard was making his final round, he unlocked the cell of the condemned man and in a flash he was covered by two revolvers which had been surreptitiously conveyed to the prisoner, and ordered to hold up his hands. The prisoner relieved the guard of his weapons and keys and backing out of the cell locked the guard safely therein and with the keys unlocked all barriers and let himself out into the open world. He was not missed till the night guard came on duty and discovered the state of affairs.

Cashel had been condemned to death for the murder of a farmer named Isaac Belte in September, 1902.

One serious question which confronts the Canadian authorities is if he is captured can he be hanged under the sentence that ordered his execution Dec. 16th or shall he have to have another trial?

THE FIRST SUITS

BROUGHT UNDER THE NEW PRESS LAW.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 17.—The first suits brought in this state under the press law, passed by the legislature a year ago, have been instituted against three newspapers here by a wealthy banker of Northampton county. The action is based on the publication of a statement that the banker had last month escaped from a hotel under quarantine in his home for small-pox. The man was believed to be in Allentown and it was at the request of the local board of health that the publication was made.

The papers in describing the banker said he had dyed his beard. The subject of the article is 55 years old, had recently married a young woman and alleges that the statement anent his beard caused him to be ridiculed by his friends.

BUSHNELL'S SHORTAGE

MAY NOT GO ABOVE $18,000, IT IS THOUGHT.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 17.—After the meeting of the board of directors of the Yale National bank, of which institution Asa C. Bushnell, who killed himself by shooting on Tuesday was the cashier, today President E. S. Greeley, said that nothing was done of a nature that would interest the public. By this, he explained, only routine business of the bank was transacted and no action taken or formal discussion of the shortage of the late cashier entered into. President Greeley said that reports had been received from banks in Boston and New York which act as correspondents for the Yale bank, but it would take several hours' work to determine if accounts covered by such reports are correct. He expressed his belief that Bushnell's shortage would not go above $18,000.

ROWE SENTENCED

MUST SERVE TEN YEARS IN PENAL SERVITUDE.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A. S. Rowe, the absconding secretary of the Great Fingal Consolidated Co., who was arrested at Toronto, was sentenced in the Old Bailey today to 10 years penal servitude for embezzling over $500,000 of the company's funds. Rowe fainted when his sentence was pronounced.

MARKET LIVELY

CAUSED BY CABLES FROM LIVERPOOL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Liverpool cables were up today owing to a scare of shorts and aggressive bull tactics and this caused the New York cotton market to shake off the lethargy recently noted. First prices were at an advance of 17 to 27 points. January sold at 12.40; March, 12.70; May, 12.80, and July, 12.77, these being new high records for the two last positions and net gains on the active months of 21 a 29 points. Liverpool houses bought here as well as in their home market and commission houses, though in many cases selling for profits, also had orders on the buying side. Of course the gains, particularly in reference to the latter positions which had passed all previous records brought out heavy realizing and shortly after the call these months reacted from the highest but generally speaking the market ruled very strong.

TO PROTECT SHAREHOLDERS.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 17.—F. H. Clergue, Cornelius Shields and T. J. Drummond, of the "Soo" company, have asked the government to take such action as would protect the Canadian shareholders in case the Consolidated Lake Superior Co. was wound up. The means of doing this would be to retain the land grants and other concessions made in giving franchises to the various subsidiary companies. They will have another conference with the premier this afternoon. It is said that in the case the present reorganization plan fails, Speyer and Co. will try to reorganize the business and give all outside shareholders a chance to come in.

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From Late Editions Yesterday

MAIDEN LANE

Property Owners Will Close It

The property owners along Maiden lane, all of whom are in favor of the proposed Dummer street extension, intend to close Maiden lane if the street goes through.

It seems that the abutters on each side own out to the middle of the alley and will close it to travel by erecting fences.

But the lane has been open to travel for many years and the question may be raised as to the rights of the public in the passageway.

BROKEN WRIST

PROFESSOR UMPLEBY MET WITH AN ACCIDENT.

The many friends of Prof. Fenwick W. Umpleby, of the Textile school, will be pained to learn that he is confined to his home with a broken wrist. While returning from the school Tuesday evening Mr. Umpleby passing through So. common slipped and fell, his weight falling on his right wrist. While it pained considerable, nothing serious was thought to be the matter with it, but upon examination it was found that it had been broken.

MEN'S LEAGUE

DISCUSS MERITS AND DEMERITS OF THE SUNDAY PAPER.

At a meeting of the Men's league of the Kirk Street church last night the question "Resolved, that the influence of the Sunday newspaper is detrimental to the moral interests of the community," was debated and the debate was decided in favor of the affirmative. It was generally agreed that the Sunday newspaper was an obstacle in the way of church attendance and that it occupied time that should be given to more profound thought and inspiring reading.

FUNERALS

BOISLAIR—The funeral of Mendora Boisclair, the little girl who died from burns received Sunday night took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 104 Prince street. The remains were placed in the tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery.

COTTRELL—Services over the remains of Harriet M. Cottrell were held yesterday afternoon in the Edson cemetery chapel, Revs. George F. Kenngott and S. D. Mullin officiating. Miss Spofford sang. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker Young in charge.

COMBER—Services over the remains of John H. Comber were held in the Edson cemetery chapel yesterday afternoon. Pentucket Lodge of Masons had charge of the services and the full Masonic ritual was used. The bearers were C. Ball, N. Bishop, E. Sherwood, and F. Johnson. Interment was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck in charge.

COULAM—The funeral of William H. Coulam took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son, 216 Foster street. Rev. Leander Manchester, D.D., officiated. The bearers were four sons of the deceased: William B., Harry Vincent, and Frank. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker Weinbeck in charge.

GRAY—The funeral of Kate Gray tok place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 452 Lawrence street. Services were held at St. Peter's church at 3 o'clock. Rev. W. George Mullin officiating. The bearers were Edward McCarty, John F. Smith, Thomas J. Sheehan, Patrick Owens, John P. Conley and John O'Dowd. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker McDermott.

QUESSY—The funeral of Mavina Quessy took place yesterday from her late home, 60 Colburn street. Services were held at St. Joseph's church at 8 o'clock, Rev. Fr. Nolin, O. M. I., officiating. The bearers were I. Quessy, L. Beausoleil, C. Martin and D. Paquin. The body was placed in the tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery. Burial was under the direction of Undertaker Albert.

KELLEY—Funeral services over the remains of Frank F. Kelley were held in the Lowell cemetery chapel yesterday afternoon. Rev. C. E. Fisher officiated. The bearers were C. H. Conant, J. H. Carmichael, G. F. Stiles, W. H. Wilson and J. J. and John Harvey. Interment was in Lowell cemetery, Undertaker Weinbeck in charge.

SHALLO—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Shallo took place from her late home, 4 Wilson avenue, North Billerica, at 9 o'clock this morning. The cortege proceeded to St. Andrew's church, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Desroshes, O. M. I. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Terrence McNulty rendered the Gregorian mass. At the offertory "Pie Jesu" was sung by Mrs. Terrence McNulty and as the body was borne from the church Mrs. McNulty rendered "Face to Face." The deceased was loved by all and she leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss, besides a husband, Denis, and three sons, James, 7 years; Jeremiah, 6 years; and William, 5 years of age. Undertaker McKenna had charge of funeral arrangements.

FITZGERALD—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald took place this afternoon at 2.30 from the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons, and was largely attended. At the grave Rev. Fr. Walsh of St. Patrick's church read the committal prayers. The bearers were William H., William E., and John A. Fitzgerald and Patrick Sullivan. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

MURTHA—The funeral of William Joseph Murtha will take place Friday morning at 8.15 from his home, 42 Pine Hill street. Mass of requiem at St. Peter's church.

POLITICAL NOTES

One would imagine from reading the screeds of the non-partisan organ that Supt. Conlon's position was the only one to be contested for this year, the idea being to center public attention upon this office and thus keep it directed away from the other positions in jeopardy.

One would not know after reading the screeds of the n. p. o. that the bitterest kind of a fight is to be waged for superintendent of streets between the present incumbent, Laforest Beals, and George C. Evans as republican candidates with Edward F. Connors and John G. Bowers as the democratic candidates. The Beals-Evans contest has been carried on without let-up since the death of the late Cleveland J. Cheney, whom Beals succeeded and it has been a contest unlike those which start up after election day and end with the election of a candidate, that has been going on through the years, in the caucus and on election day. In the past Beals' long suit has been his ability to get democratic votes and last year his election was brought about by the breaking away from their caucus agreement of four democratic members who foresaw his election and desired to be the "first in out of the wet."

But it would appear that Mr. Beals has been somewhat of a disappointment as a friend of the democrats, while Evans has grown in their favor and inauguration day, unless all signs fail, will find Mr. Evans a much stronger candidate than he was a year ago when several ballots were taken. The contest has become so bitter that there is a fine chance for a democrat to slide in.

The lucrative position held down so long by John P. Mahoney in the assessors' office comes to an end with the new year and Mr. Mahoney has practically decided to continue to give his services to the city if permitted. Although no names have been mentioned as yet it is quite certain that Mr. Mahoney will have opposition both in his own party and from the democrats.

The cry is being raised against Supt. Conlon that he went beyond his appropriation, but nothing is said of the school and other departments that have done likewise though with nothing to show for the expenditure as Mr. Conlon has.

GOOD TO HIS FRIENDS.

Certain liquors came up for forfeiture in police court yesterday and in the case of John B. Martell, in whose room ale and whiskey was found by the officers, James H. Carmichael appeared and claimed the liquor in the name of Martell. The case was continued to today, and after the government had submitted its case, Mr. Martell was called upon to tell his story.

He admitted that certain liquors were found in his room, but declared that he did not have them for the purpose of sale. He told the court that he works every day and that the ale and whiskey he had for his friends.

The police said they found 50 boxes of cigarettes in Martell's room, and he didn't deny it. He was in the habit of buying in large quantities, he said, and when his friends visited him there was nothing too good for them.

"You're fond of company," suggested the court.

"Well, when they'll come to see me I'll like to use it right," replied Martell.

"Why did you have so many cigarettes?"

"To treat myself and the people she'll come to see me."

"Do girls visit you in your room?"

"Oh yes, they'll come to sew the button on because I'm not the marry man."

"Do they smoke cigarettes in your room?"

"No, they'll not come the smoke in my room. I suppose they'll smoke it some oder place, but not in it my room."

"Why do you have so much beer in your room at one time?"

"Two case not so much. I'll often sit it down and drinked ten eleven bottles at a time and never get drunk."

"Why do you drink so much beer if you don't get drunk?"

"Well, I like to treat it my friend and have some good time."

There was no evidence on the part of the government that would show any sale or attempt at sale on the part of Martell and the court ordered his discharged. In finding for the defendant Judge Hadley told the officers not to be discouraged. They were liable to lose at times, he said, but they could feel satisfied because they were doing their duty.

NEW WEATHER BUREAU.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, Dec. 17.—The new government weather bureau station here which has been under construction for some time past, and which is now completed will be opened sometime next week in charge of Mrs. Margaret Conway. The building is a two-story structure, the lower floor being used for government purposes, while Mrs. Conway will occupy the second floor.

There will be two cables to the Block Island weather bureau and a private telephone line to Point Judith, Quonochontaug, Watch Hill, Fisher's Island, and all the other life saving stations of the third district.

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WOOD WILL WIN

Senate Committee in His Favor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The senate committee on military affairs last night concluded its investigation of charges against Gen. Leonard A. Wood, filed for the purpose of preventing his confirmation as major-general. Secretary Root was the only witness yesterday. He was on the stand for two and a half hours at the forenoon session and occupied the attention of the committee last night from 8 o'clock until 11.20. The committee will meet today to prepare its report. It is understood that confirmation will be recommended by a vote of 8 to 3. A minority report will be made by the opposition members of the committee.

The testimony of Secretary Root is practically the only defense that has been made of General Wood in the hearing which has extended since about the beginning of the extraordinary session of congress. This testimony, however, covered the entire range of the evidence produced against General Wood and was supported in many instances with correspondence and other data taken from records at the war department covering the period of General Wood's administration as governor of Cuba. Secretary Root understood to assume the whole responsibility for the orders issued by General Wood affecting the judicial system in Cuba and concerning the concession granted to the Jai Alai company at Havana.

He justified the acceptance by General Wood of the present of a silver set from the Jai Alai company.

At the forenoon session of the committee Secretary Root was given every latitude in telling his own story of the affairs in the island and refuting the charges that had been made by a number of witnesses, but at the evening session questions were asked by Senator Teller, which confined the secretary to theRuncle letter, the Jai Alai concession, the Rathbone trial; General Wood's friendship for Bellairs and the question of seniority as a means of recognizing military service. Many of the questions were pointed and in some cases severe upon General Wood, but in every case General Wood found a firm defender.

GENERAL CASTRO

Was Driven Out of the Country

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—The Pacific mail steamer Barrachuta just arrived here from Panama, transported General Demetrio Castro of the Colombian forces away from the seat of trouble to Punta Arenas, Costa Rica. His departure was rather sensational. When the new republic of Panama was proclaimed, General Castro was requested to take the oath of allegiance. He refused and was ordered to leave the country. Failing to do so, a squad of soldiers waited upon him and escorted him aboard the Barrachuta, then at out to sail.

BIG DEFALCATION

WILL REACH THE SUM OF $40,000.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the finance committee of the board of regents of the University of California, it has developed that former Secretary McKowen's defalcations will reach at least $40,000 instead of half that amount as was at first supposed. It was brought out during the conference that the peculations covered a period of seven years and that McKowen has scarcely any money of his own. McKowen was present at the conference and at its conclusion was given into the custody of the sheriff. It is announced that the scandal will be sifted to the bottom. The stolen money, it is said, was not taken from the general fund of the university but from private benefactions turned over to McKowen.

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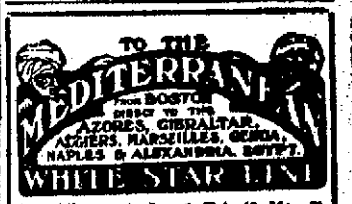

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The Lebaudy Brothers' Vindication of the Dirigible Balloon Idea

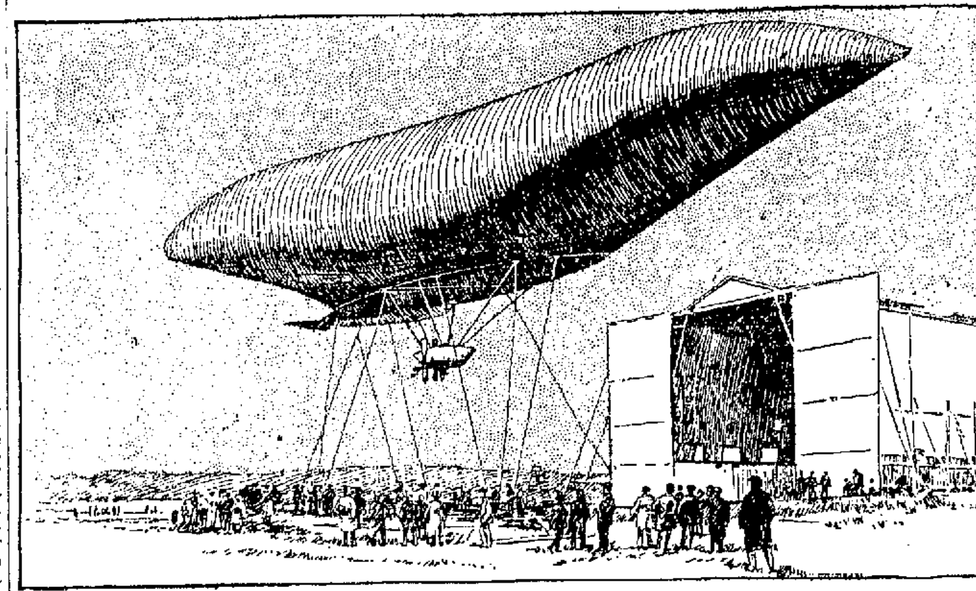
WHEN the Lebaudy brothers' air ship, which a few days later was partially wrecked near Meudon by striking a tree, covered the forty-six miles separating Moisson and the Champs de Mars, Paris, in one hour and forty-one minutes one of the greatest triumphs in dirigible ballooning was recorded. At the same time notice was served on Stanley Spencer and Santos-Dumont, who had up to that time held undisputed sovereignty as kings of the air, that they would have to look to their laurels, that a new star had arisen in the aeronautic firmament. The Lebaudy air ship attained extraordinary bursts of speed during its at all times rapid flight, now and again dashing through the air at the rate of more than two-thirds of a mile a minute, and this despite the fact that but a moderate breeze was blowing. What made the feat the more impressive was its unexpectedness. Although it had long been known that the Lebaudys were secretly at work in their park at Moisson elaborating plans to outdo anything ever achieved by their better known rivals, the ascension when it took place was unheralded and was made but in the presence of a few friends.

It must not be forgotten, of course, that the credit for this aerial triumph does not rest wholly with the Lebaudys. In fact, they play in it but a minor role, the interest they take in aerial navigation being the interest of the inventor rather than the interest of the aeronaut proper. Indeed, neither Paul nor Pierre Lebaudy participated in the dash from Moisson to Paris, the air ship being guided by a young Frenchman, a M. Juchmes, a comparatively unknown quantity in the aeronautic world. M. Juchmes was accompanied on his trip by a machinist named Rey and by M. Juillot, the designer of the balloon, which bears the somewhat peculiar name of The Yellow. This was by no means its first ascension, it having already made several claims to fame, the most noteworthy of which was a return trip from Moisson to Mantes in remarkably quick time, but not so rapid as in the case of its latest endeavor. On the earlier occasion M. Juchmes was also its pilot. Thitherto the young aeronaut had largely confined his efforts to ascensions in spherical balloons, in the management of which he had displayed not a little skill. It now appears evident, judging from the cabled accounts of the Moisson-Paris trip, that he has The Yellow in perfect control at all times and that it answers its helm admirably. Evidently, also, M. Juchmes does not lack the ability and intrepidity to get out of it the highest speed of which it is capable. During this record voyage the balloon crossed the Seine seven times and is reported to have behaved admirably throughout its passage.

This new claimant to aerial honors was built at the workshop in the beautiful park at Moisson, where the Lebaudys conduct their various experiments. In shape The Yellow is not unlike the familiar Santos-Dumont fliers, although its cigar form is not so regular as is the case with the air ships constructed by the famous Brazilian, the fore end of the Lebaudy being very pointed, while the rear end is somewhat rounded. Its lower lines are also shaped in such a way as to recall the keel of a yacht. Unlike the majority of air ships, the envelope of the balloon is not made of silk or Japanese taffeta, but of a fine sheet of India rubber stretched between two tissues of cotton and capable of resisting great pressure. The seams are covered with bands of India rubber fixed with a solution, and the entire envelope, which weighs in the neighborhood of three-quarters of a ton, is varnished with several coats of a special preparation boasting the appropriate name of ballonine. It was the envelope that sustained the greatest damage in the accident near Meudon.

A somewhat peculiar but undoubtedly serviceable feature is the covering which the car possesses, a stretch of canvas over a steel framework, constructed in such a way as to give the silhouette of a big flat fish. This canvas serves more than one purpose, not the least important of which is to protect the gas inflated balloon from possible ignition, the motor being located between the canvas and the envelope. In the event of an accident, moreover, the canvas would serve as a parachute, diminishing the speed of the downward flight. The motive power is obtained from a Daimler-Mercedes forty horse power motor, capable of turning the two screws, placed one on each side of the car, at a rate of 1,000 revolutions a minute, the screws being so adjusted that they can be used vertically, in order to advance, or horizontally, in order to ascend, or independently of each other, to permit of turning to the right or to the left. The car itself is attached to the balloon by a series of small cables, weighs nearly two tons and has accommodations for four people.

The enthusiasm with which the successful trip to Paris was greeted is significant of the widespread popular interest which is still being taken in the many endeavors of the leading aeronauts to prove that they have actually solved the problem of navigating the air. It might have been thought that the people of France had become accustomed to the sight of air ships in full flight, that the novelty of the spectacle would have worn away and that the appearance of the Lebaudy monster would have evoked at most but a mild interest. On the contrary, it occasioned the greatest excitement all along the route, and the successful Juchmes was given an ovation when he landed. This must not be attributed solely to the emotional nature of the French; it indicates that they, in common with the rest of the civilized world, realize that with every new victory in the realm of aeronautics, a milestone is marked in the forward march of progress, the increasing adaptability of man to his environment.



THE LEBAUDY AIR SHIP.

That this is the case is further shown by the widespread sympathy evoked by the accident which rendered the Yellow temporarily hors du combat. This mishap occurred near the Meudon ballooning ground and followed a very successful ascension from the Champs de Mars, which had been witnessed by an immense crowd. On this occasion Juchmes was again at the helm and was accompanied by his engineer, Rey, both of whom were for a time in great danger, but succeeded in climbing to the ground without sustaining any injuries. The accident was caused by an unexpected gust of wind which caught the dirigible balloon while it was descending and drove it into a tree top, the branches of the tree ripping a big hole in the envelope.

At once the balloon collapsed, leaving the basket and framework of the superstructure dangling in the tree. Juchmes did not lose his head for a moment and, together with Rey, leaped from the basket to the tree and rapidly descended to the ground amid the plaudits of the crowd that had hurriedly gathered. It was at first thought that the balloon had been wrecked beyond the possibility of repair, but thorough investigation showed that the damage had been confined chiefly to the envelope. During its flight previous to the mishap the Yellow behaved admirably, forging rapidly through the air against a brisk southwest wind.

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DURBO BOMBARDED

For the Purpose of Impressing the Natives

ROME, Dec. 18—The bombardment of Durbo, in Italian Somaliland, where Lieut. Grabau was killed, which has been undertaken by the Italian warship Falileo, is merely for the purpose of impressing the natives. It is pointed out in official circles that Italy does not need foreign assistance to punish those who offend her, as might be thought after the revenge taken at Durbo by the British warship Mohawk.

A dispatch from Aden to the Associated Press Dec. 6, said that Lieut. Charles Grabau, commanding the Italian gunboat Antelope, attempted to land at Durbo, on the Tigiurtine coast, two natives belonging to a Somaliland tribe. Not seeing the Italian flag flying over the village the lieutenant gave orders to have it hoisted. The chief of the village refused to obey his command without the consent of the sultan. Lieut. Grabau gave the chief two hours in which to obey and when that time had elapsed the Antelope opened fire on Burbo. The fire was answered from the village and the lieutenant was killed.

A dispatch from Rome Dec. 8 said that the Italian warships Lombardia, Volturno, Galileo and Christophero Colombo had arrived at Aden and would proceed to Durbo to inflict punishment on the Somaliland tribe which killed Lieut Ghabau. On the same date a dispatch was received from Aden to the effect that Commander Grant and 60 men of the crew of the British warship Mohawk had landed at Durbo and held a palaver with the sultan and 600 Somalilands over the death of the Italian officer. The sultan refused to discuss the matter and said he would fight it out. The commander and the sultan then retired to their respective forces, who opened fire. The commander was wounded in the thigh and one marine was killed, after which the British returned to the Mohawk. This news was received with some surprise in Rome, as Durbo is in the Italian protectorate and it was contended that the British warship had no right to undertake bombardment operations there.

FOUR BURNED

As Result of Steampipe Exploding

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—By the explosion of a steam-pipe yesterday in the fire room of the Turkish cruiser Medjivia, recently built by the Cramps of Philadelphia, four men were severely scalded. They were landed here late yesterday and are being treated at Johns Hopkins hospital. The men were members of the crew of the builders of the vessel, which left Philadelphia two days ago for a trial trip. It is not thought that the men are seriously injured.

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MORE TESTIMONY

GIVEN IN THE GARRETTO TRIAL.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 18.—Several additional witnesses testified yesterday in the trial of Alexander Garretto, for the murder of Eli Corti at Barre Oct. 3 last, their testimony corroborating that of previous witnesses for the state as to the trouble in Anarchists hall, on the night of the above date that led to the shooting. All agreed that a free fight was in progress before the shots were fired, and Emelio Vochini, one witness, stated that he saw Garretto shoot Corti.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—After having seriously cut George Resoner, department store proprietor, in a scuffle following a demand for money, an unknown negro last night also attacked one of three policemen who had been summoned, when all opened fire, killing him instantly. The affair caused a panic among the crowd of shoppers.

The man asked Resoner to show him some curtains when suddenly he drew a razor and shouted for money. Resoner grappled with him. Employes heard the uproar and rushed to the merchant's aid, hurling every available article at the would-be murderer. The negro then slid down an elevator rope to the basement, where from a place of concealment he sprang at and slashed the first officer. All three then shot at him, riddling him with holes.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Chevalier lodge, K. of P., held its regular meeting Wednesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: C. C., Clarence E. Wheeler; V. C., Lester O. Mason; P., Frank M. Robitaille; M. of W., Eugene Collins; K. of R. and S., Lyman C. Hodgman; M. of F., L. T. Riley; M. of E., Herbert Pilling; M. of A., William Gillispie; I. G., Charles J. Jones; O. G., Peter Gillespie.

At a very largely attended meeting of Court Wamesit, F. of A., in Foresters' hall last evening officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chief ranger, William A. Kelley; sub-chief ranger, Robert J. Crowley; treasurer, John E. Maguire; financial secretary, Thomas T. Garvey; recording secretary, James White; senior woodward, William Buckley; junior woodward, Patrick Boyle; senior beadle, James Farrell; junior beadle, James A. Sheehan; lecturer, William Reardon; trustee for three years, John J. O'Conner; physician, Dr. James E. Leary. It was voted that the court should join the fire fund. During the evening addresses were made by William A. Hogan, Robert J. Crowley, John E. Maguire, John J. O'Connor and William J. Reardon. At the next meeting of the court a smoke talk will be in order, and the installation of officers will take place.

ROBERT FISKE DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Robert T. P. Fiske, a prominent member of the coffee exchange, and one of the firm of Fiske and Brown, is dead at his home on Staten Island, of typhoid pneumonia, aged 43.

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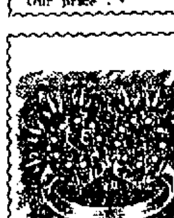

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SENSATION CAUSED

By Testimony Before Interstate Commerce Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Interstate commerce commission yesterday gave a hearing on its proposed requirement that after Jan. 1 next the tariffs on export and import traffic be published and filed with the commission the same as domestic tariff. A large number of representatives of both the railroads and shippers attended the meeting.

The most significant feature of the session was an admission by Frank Waterhouse, representing the Boston Steamship company, of Seattle, Wash., of a discriminating contract between that company and the Northern Pacific railroad. Mr. Waterhouse was discussing the seventy-five cent through rate on hemp from Manila to St. Paul, equally divided between the water line and the railroad.

"Does it not come to this then," asked Chairman Knapp, "that you want the Northern Pacific railroad to carry hemp from Seattle to St. Paul for 37½ cents, when it is brought over by your steamers, but if brought over on a tramp steamer you want to charge twice as much as their proportion?"

Mr. Waterhouse said: "If brought over on a tramp steamer they won't take it."

Chairman Knapp—"Why not?"

Mr. Waterhouse—"Because they have a contract with our line which prohibits them from taking it."

Chairman Knapp—"You do not mean quite that, do you?"

Mr. Waterhouse—"Yes sir, I mean that."

Chairman Knapp—"The Northern Pacific have an arrangement with you under which they will not carry any hemp except that you bring over in your steamer?"

Mr. Waterhouse—"I mean that they will not take it at the same rate. They would not make the same through rate to a tramp sailing ship or tramp steamer that arrived in the harbor of Seattle or Tacoma that they would to the regular line."

This admission caused a sensation and General Counsel M. D. Grover of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern took the stand to explain the situation.

SOME CYCLE NEWS

Of Interest to the Enthusiasts

Referring to a slight lengthening of heads which has taken place in the 1904 models, a trans-Atlantic observer remarks that the diamond frame is now at its best, from an artistic point of view. We are inclined to hold that the same is true of the frame of the present day cycle in this country. Its constructional superiority was conclusively demonstrated years ago, and, as a matter of fact, won for it universal adoption.

It is a remarkable fact that none of the many changes which have been made in the past decade have injured it either mechanically or esthetically. Opinions may differ as to whether long heads or short ones are and look better, each design having advocates. But we feel sure that the present type of frame, which strikes the happy mean in all such points as length of head, rake of diagonal and of head and drop to the crank-hanger, is generally regarded as the handsomest as well as the staunchest type of frame that has yet appeared. Fashion may again, as it has in the past, decree departures from this model of frame, may bring in a "dignified" type with long head and diagonal tubes, or its antithesis, the low, raky frame with an extremely short head. But it will never improve on the present model until some epoch-marking change is made.

"Jack" Prince, the owner of the local coliseum, was one of the interested spectators at the six day race last week. There was nothing doing down Jack's way during the big race, but a few hours after the grind was over Prince started for the south, where the weather is a little warmer. Despite the fact that the southern part of the country is a hot bed for racing during the winter time this season has been anything but a prosperous one for the veteran track manager and racing man.

Cyclists, like other people, are superstitious of the number 13, and the greater portion of them refuse to ride with a number 13 on their back. In the six day race Jed Newkirk, who has appeared in this city as a pace maker for "Gussie" Lawson wore the number 13 on his back and he was the first rider to get a dump.

With the three fastest riders of Lowell in the professional class in order to make a success of racing in this city next year the management of the local coliseum will have to have professional sprint racing. Besides O'Brien, Connors and Goyette, Pat Keegan will have a chance to get back into the game again as a sprinter. Unless some of the local amateurs develop more speed before the opening of the racing season the amateur races in this city will be rather slow and uninteresting.

It is doubtful if Simar, the Frenchman who teamed up with Gougoltz in the six day race will ever come back to this country to race again. Simar has shown himself to be a rank quitter in every race he has ridden here, and has made it very disappointing for his partners. He evidently has a yellow streak in him somewhere.

New York will have a bicycle show this spring. It will be held at Madison Square Garden, starting on the 19th of February and coming to an end on the 5th of March.

Few if any people ever believed that there would be much call for bicycles in Alaska, but strange to say quite a number of steel horses have been sold in that country. In fact in some parts of Alaska new roads are being built, the invasion of the bicycle being the main cause.

Paris is once more to have a winter cycle track, after being without one since 1897. It is expected that the opening will take place some time next week.

It is almost time that we heard what kind of pacing machines will be used on the tracks next season. Many of the riders advocate the tandems claiming that they are safer than the 14-horse power singles, while other riders believe that the dinky 4-horse power machines are good enough and that plenty of speed can be gotten out of them. It would seem funny to go back to the 4-horse machines after seeing the 14-horse all summer.

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PROMINENT MEN

ON CHAMBERLAIN'S COMMISSION OF EXPERTS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The names of many prominent gentlemen who have accepted positions on Joseph Chamberlain's commission of experts which is to inquire into the condition of British trade and report thereon, with the object of drawing up a tariff reform measure, have been made public.

Among them are Sir Vincent Caillard, Charles Booth, former president of the Royal Statistical society; Sir Arthur Keen, Sir William T. Lewis, Alfred Mosley, Sir Andrew Noble, Hon. Charles A. Parsons, C. A. Pearson, the well-known newspaper proprietor; Sir Charles Tennant and Sir Alfred Jones, president of the Liverpool chamber of commerce; also a number of members of parliament. The secretary of the committee will be William A. Shewing, director of the London school of economics and political science, and teacher of modern economic history in the university of London. He will be assisted by a large staff of experts and statisticians.

Fountain pens at Lawler's.

STEEL PLATE PRICE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Representatives of the steel plate pool were in session here yesterday and reaffirmed the present price, namely, $1.60 per hundred pounds at Pittsburg.

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, $3.00. Lawler's.

The Bon Marche

CANDY PULL

Something Entirely New

Not the Pull, But the Candy

It is called Honeycomb Crisp and melts in your mouth. Come and see how it is made. The flavors are molasses, lime, chocolate, orange and vanilla. Three size packages..... 5c, 10c and 20c.

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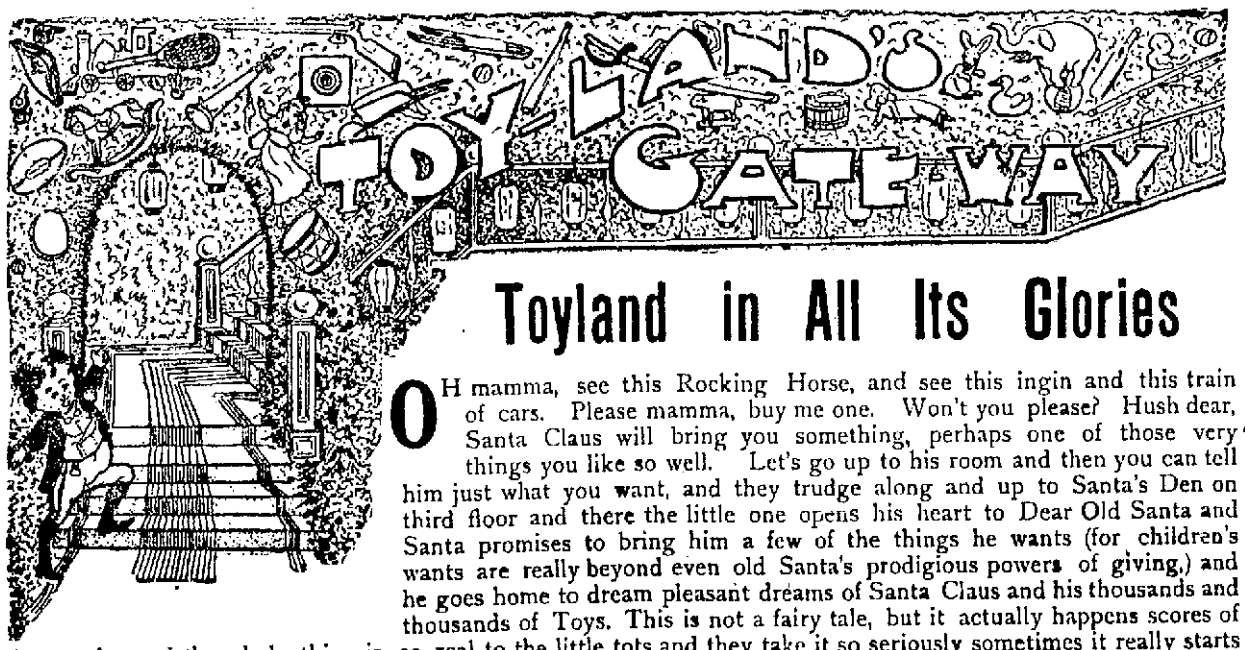
DRY GOODS COMPANY

WE GIVE S. & H. GREEN TRADING STAMPS

Double Green Trading Stamps Saturday



Toyland in All Its Glories

OH mamma, see this Rocking Horse, and see this ingin and this train of cars. Please mamma, buy me one. Won't you please? Hush dear, Santa Claus will bring you something, perhaps one of those very things you like so well. Let's go up to his room and then you can tell him just what you want, and they trudge along and up to Santa's Den on third floor and there the little one opens his heart to Dear Old Santa and Santa promises to bring him a few of the things he wants (for children's wants are really beyond even old Santa's prodigious powers of giving,) and he goes home to dream pleasant dreams of Santa Claus and his thousands and thousands of Toys. This is not a fairy tale, but it actually happens scores of times a day and the whole thing is so real to the little tots and they take it so seriously sometimes it really starts the tears, the incidents are so pathetic.

You know Santa Claus has established his headquarters in our store and we have fitted up a den or workshop on the third floor, and there he holds his daily receptions: in the morning from 10 until 11; in the afternoon from 2.30 until 4. Any little girl or boy accompanied by parents or older children, can meet him during those hours.

Santa Claus brought with him a train load of bright new Toys, and we cordially invite you to come and inspect his stock. No matter whether you want a 5c toy or a $5.00 one, you'll surely find it here.

To make your shopping easier, we inform you that all the small Toys, Dolls, Games and Tea Sets are in the basement, and all the big Toys, mechanical and wooden, are on the second floor. Elevator connects both floors.

Do You Want Your Picture Taken Before Xmas? Better Come at Once.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS

All kinds for young and old—Travel, History, Art and Fiction. The department is four or five times its usual size and shelves and counters are loaded with all the readable sorts called for by a discriminating public. The prices are worthy of comment because everything here is sold by The Bon Marche standard. That means little prices—a magnet that is used in every part of the store.

BOUND BOOKS AT 10 CENTS.

It is called the "Red Library," of 12 mos. The binding is red cloth with gilt imprints. The series contain over 500 titles of good fiction.

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The Cornell and Souvenir Series, over 400 titles in each series; handsome green silk cloth binding, gilt top, and title stamped in gold.

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HENTY'S BOOKS FOR BOYS, 19c VOL.

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In paper and untearable linen for the little tots.

CHATTERBOX, 1903, 79c; 1902, 49c VOL.

DIARIES, "The Standard"..... 15c to $1.49
CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS..... 1c to $1.25

BEAUTIFUL JARDINIERES

Umbrella Jars and Jardinieres and Pedestals. We have just put on sale 21 crates of these goods received from one of the largest manufacturers in this country. Naturally we got them much cheaper than if we bought them in the usual way (through jobbers). We shall sell as we bought, hence a saving to you of from 20 to 25 per cent. They come in handsome colors, beautifully blended, and in a large variety of shapes. The prices range—

In Jardinieres ..... From 25c to $6.98
In Umbrella Jars..... From $1.98 to $3.50
In Jardinieres and Pedestals..... From $3.98 to $16.98

A SPLENDID CHRISTMAS GIFT

A FUR MUFF OR SCARF OR BOTH

No matter whether your purse is modest or plethoric, we can suit the requirements in this section. Of course it depends on the style skin you select. We have Muffs as low as $3.98, as high as $45.00, and Scarfs as low as $3.98 and as high as $40.00, with a wide range of prices between. SABLE FOX is a ready seller this season and the prices are quite reasonable. Mink, Marten, Isabella Fox, Blue Lynx and Black Lynx are the high priced grade and Imitation Martens and Imitation Opossums the medium.

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HOW ARE . . . . .

GLOVES FOR A PRESENT?

A sensible present, don't you think? For one dollar we can give you one of the best if not THE best on the market. IT IS CALLED THE LELIA, and is made by "Reynier," the veteran glove man. It is a 2-clasp, plain point, self and black stitching, in all the wantable colors such as black, white, tan, mode, beaver, slate, brown, ox blood, pearl, navy and green.

If you want to pay a little more money for a pair, we have them in Reynier's, Wortheimer's, Perin's and Tanert's up to....$2.50 per Pair

GOLF GLOVES and FUR TRIMMED GLOVES for men, women and children. The prices range from..... 25c to $4.98

CHRISTMAS . . . .

HANDKERCHIEFS

We don't claim everything in sight or say we have the best assortment ever shown of these wantable bits of white. But we do say we are showing the prettiest line ever shown in the Bon Marche. And by all reports the Bon Marche did not occupy a back seat last year or the year before. However, we want you to see them, then, judge for yourself. A brief review:

FOR MEN

AT 10c—Japonette, initial and white, hemstitched initials.

AT 12½c—Linen initials (unlaundered).

AT 15c—Hemstitched linen with initials.

AT 25c—All linen, hemstitched, fine qualities, with initial.

Silk Handkerchiefs with initials ..... 25c and 50c

FOR WOMEN

AT 12½c—Linen initials, scalloped or H. S., embroidered and lace trimmed.

AT 15c—All linen initials, hemstitched and wide range of fancy embroidered.

AT 25c—Hemstitched initials, all linen and beautiful line of lace trimmed and embroidered.

Children's boxed Handkerchiefs .....15c, 19c and 25c

IS THERE ANYTHING BETTER OR MORE SUITABLE FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAN A PAIR OF . . . .

SLIPPERS

We have them in a score of styles. The kinds that were made for service, not show. Solid reliable sorts that you can depend upon. Here are a few of the many styles:

FOR MEN

VELVET and imitation alligator, everts and ties.....49c pair
BLACK DONGOLAS and embroidered, velvet ties and everts 73c pair
BROWN and BLACK DONGOLAS in everts, operas and Harvards 98c pair
FINE LEATHERS, plain or fancy trimmed ..... $1.23 pair
ANOTHER GRADE, newest shapes and trimmings ..... $1.49 pair
BOYS' and YOUTHS' imitation alligator and velvet embroidered 49c pair

FOR WOMEN

PLUSH BOUND FELT or plain felt with embroidered fronts, leather soles and counters..... 49c pair
BED-ROOM SLIPPERS, felt tops and soles .....25c to 75c pair
CROCHETED SLIPPERS, all colors..... 75c pair
AT 98c PAIR, a score of patterns, all shapes and colors, high and low cut, trimmed or plain.
QUEEN QUALITY Boots for Women..... $3.00 pair
Some special styles..... $3.50 pair

XMAS CANDIES. ALL PRICES

WATER AND WINE SETS

In Bohemian and Austrian effects; handsome decorations and gold tracings. The colors are blue, pink, red, green, amber, wine, etc. The prices range from.....98c to $4.98

An Engraved Nickle Tray given with each set.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Here the maid can select a present for her sweetheart, the mother for husband or son, the sister for brother or father, and know it will be useful and acceptable. No possibility of getting something that will never be worn, for such good taste has been used in selecting assortments, hardly an undesirable coloring can be found in the stock.

FANCY BOXED SUSPENDERS..... 25c to $2.00
FANCY BOXED NECKWEAR..... 75c and $1.00
NECKWEAR (not boxed)..... 25c and 50c
SATINE NIGHT SHIRTS, one in fancy box..... $1.00
NIGHT SHIRTS (not boxed)..... 89c to $1.00
MEN'S GLOVES, all kinds..... 50c to $1.50
STIFF BOSOM and NEGLIGEE SHIRTS ..... 49c to $1.00
UNDERWEAR ..... 25c to $1.50
SWEATERS ..... 50c to $4.50
HOSIERY ..... 10c to 50c pair
COLLARS and CUFFS ..... 12½c and 25c

A BIG SALE OF

FANCY CHINA

Opened Wednesday morning. The goods were an importer's samples and surplus stock and was bought 'way under price. In fact so much under price that we are enabled to sell them at ½ THE USUAL PRICES.

In the assortment you'll find Vases, Bric-a-Brac, Cups and Saucers, etc., and the prices range from

5c to $7.98 Each

A grand opportunity for Christmas shoppers.

BEAUTIFUL . .

UMBRELLAS

You know some things are quite beyond description. So it is with this Christmas stock of Umbrellas. The handles are so handsome, the styles so varied, that it would take more space than we can give and greater degree of eloquence than we possess to properly describe them. But we can tell you this: You'll travel a good bit before you'll find a better assortment. Come and see if we aren't right. Four leading prices are

98c, $1.25, $1.49 and $1.98

But we have them as high as $10.00.

A BARGAIN IN

BELTS

Special lot just received Plaited Peau de Sole Silk, with fancy gilt and silver buckles back and front. They were made to sell for 50c each, but this lot was large and it was near stock-taking time, so the manufacturers closed them out to us for just ½ price. Now on sale at

25c Each

Another small lot that sold for $1.00, now on sale at

50c Each

A WARM PRESENT—A PAIR OF

BLANKETS

All wool, 11-4 size, red, blue, pink and yellow borders,

$3.98 Pair

If this price don't suit your purse other sorts from

49c up to $15.00

A COMFORTABLE PRESENT—A NICE

COMFORTER

Satine covering, both sides silks, filling of pure white cotton

$1.89 Each

Other styles from

98c Upwards

A USEFUL PRESENT.

A FOUNTAIN PEN

Parker's Lucky Curves is the kind we carry, and it is warranted in every way. The prices range from

$1.50 to $6.00

JUST . . . .

SUGGESTIONS

Toilet Sets .....49c to $15.00
Manicure Sets .....49c to $5.00
Shaving Sets ..... 49c to $8.98
Work Boxes ..... 25c to $5.00
Collar and Cuff Boxes.....25c to $3.98
Handkerchief Boxes .....25c to $2.98
Glove Boxes .....25c to $3.98
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Hair Brushes .....25c to $1.50
Hand Mirrors .....25c to $1.50
Soap Boxes .....10c to 50c
Powder Boxes .....25c to 98c
Powder Puffs .....10c to 50c
Toilet Water ..... 25c to $1.00
Fancy Perfume Boxes .....10c to $2.00
Trimmed Pin Cushions .....25c to $3.00
Tinted Pillow Slips .....49c to $1.00
Pillow Tops.....25c to $3.00
Fancy Boxed Armlets .....10c to $2.00
Woodworth's Perfume .....35c oz.
Photograph Albums .....49c to $5.00
Brooch Pins .....25c to $5.00
Watch Chains .....25c to $5.00
Ear Rings .....25c to $3.00
Pocket Books .....25c to $5.50
Chatelaine Bags.....25c to $6.00
Boston Bags .....49c to $4.98
Wrist Bags .....25c to $3.50
Carriage Bags .....$2.00 to $8.50
Automobile Bags .....$1.00 to $3.00
Picture Frames ..... 10c to 49c

ARMOUR'S BEEF EXTRACT CALENDAR FOR 1904

Handsome, striking, up-to-date illustrations. Ask the lady in charge of ARMOUR'S BEEF EXTRACT DEMONSTRATION how to get one and while there try, with our compliments, some of the dainty dishes that she is serving.

The Glad Yuletide

Christmas Gifts

KATE CLYDE Discusses Them and Denounces the Folly of Frittering One's Time Away

WELL, it certainly is Christmas present time, and some of us have, as usual, been putting off things until the last moment; not that I disapprove of doing things at the last moment. Far from it. Only stupid and uninteresting people plan things way ahead of time. Inspiration goes with short notice. And if you haven't the real poetic feeling, the feeling that you have got to do the thing right away, and no time to think about it, is often enough inspiration.

Well, the language may be involved, but there's a good idea balled up in that paragraph.

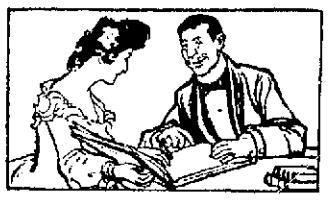
Back to the Christmas presents! It is certainly awfully hard to choose for other people; one would really almost rather give them the money. No, I take that back. It is not possible to present a fifty cent piece as a present, but there are some presents we can buy for fifty cents that look mighty near a dollar's worth, so that an unsuspecting friend can't always tell. Anyway, the experiment is worth trying. And, oh, it is perfectly remarkable what pretty things we can buy for very little this year!

The Day of Daintiness.

You see, it is because even the cheaper things have grown so artistic. The day of plush bric-a-brac and painted photographs—the cerise colored and bright green kind—is pretty well past, and instead we have daintily colored prints that look just like water colors and quaint art nouveau desk and toilet table articles made after artistic designs in inexpensive metals.

And I must say I both like to give and I like to receive something useful—a book, a print, a cushion for my divan,

To entertain a dull man,



something to hold my pens, or my ideas when I have them.

I am going to give one of my best girl friends a book of pen and ink illustrations by a well known artist, and I know she will bless me and thank me in her heart every time she brings it out to entertain a dull and uninteresting man. Then, another girl is going to get a brass inkstand and tray combined, which will be very pretty on her writing desk. A bachelor friend will have bestowed upon him a picturesque brass bowl which will look well in his den and incidentally hold his ashes. Oh, dear me! Not his ashes, but the ashes of his defunct cigars and cigarettes.

If some one were to give me a dainty bit of neckwear to go with my best blouse I wouldn't so much mind. And let me tell you that is quite a nice present for a girl you know intimately; also collar and cuff sets of sheer linen, with the owner's monogram embroidered in two colors, are very smart to go with plain blouses. A hatpin is always welcome, remember that, and so is a good book. But don't buy note paper; most girls have decided and "cranky" ideas on the subject.

Calendars? Well, there can be too much of that. I received seven one Christmas. But an umbrella—oh, that's always a nice present, considering how one loses umbrellas—and, to return to inexpensive things, so is a wrought iron or china candlestick with a candle and shade matching the decorations of the girl's room.

Oh, I'm sure you will do beautifully with your Christmas presents. You can't go very far wrong this year.

That's a nice way of discussing the subject, isn't it? But the fact is I want to talk about something else.

The "Busy" Girl.

It is a wonder to me how some girls have so much spare time. The twenty-four hours are so crowded with me that I sometimes don't even have time to think, but I get along just as well because my brain is getting used to it. Now, I know a girl who thinks she is doing wonderfully well if she practices two hours a day and embroiders a new leaf in the chrysanthemum table doily she is making. She will unsmilingly inform you that she has had a busy day.

She got soaking wet in the rain.

My sakes alive, as the old women say, I wonder what sort of a time she would think she was having if she rushed around and got soaking wet in the rain three times in one day, besides falling shy a meal and a half just because she simply hadn't time.

To my mind, if you are a rich girl there are a thousand engrossing things to do involving the spending of money, and if you are a poor girl there are a thousand engrossing things you can do involving the making of money. But I don't see any time for a keenly alive girl to "fritter."

"When I am not spending money to the best advantage I am making it or learning something or listening to some bright conversation or meeting people who will benefit me or mending my clothes or eating or sleeping to gain strength for another day, but I don't find time to sit around like an old tabby cat doing embroidery," was the remark of a friend of mine. And, really, I didn't much blame her, for the girl she was talking to was always to be seen doing fancy work and not much else.

I would like to say it all the time morning, noon and night, to women—be practical.

"I Wants Dem Presents Back."

Yes (this is not the same subject, but never mind)—yes, it is rather sad to a romantic way to send a man's presents back to him after it is all over. (Pardon these tears. I have just been through it myself.) But think how it spoils the dignity and pathos when you have to account for some of the missing ones somewhat after this fashion:

(And of course you have to account for them; you wouldn't have him think you were holding anything back from sentiment or otherwise.)

"I am sorry the Japanese idol has its nose missing. It flew off accidentally one day when the maid was dusting.

"And the dagger paper cutter is gone. A ma—a friend of mine took it away for fear it would bring bad luck, and I'm afraid I can't get it back.

"And here is that last cruel letter you sent to me. I can't for the life of me find the other notes you wrote. I must have destroyed them.

"And it's the oddest thing about your photograph. I thought it was in the top drawer of my desk, but it isn't, and I've looked all through the trunks in storage and even in the attic, and I can't find it. But if I ever run across it I give you my word I'll send it right away."

To know some good man cares for you.

(And you had told him you kept that photograph where you could look at it every day!)

Ah, well, it is always unpleasant to move out of a house, whether a "really truly" house or a dwelling in the heart. But once you have made the change, nine times out of ten you're happier. That's what I think, anyway.

Not that I have had the ten experiences; far from it. I am simply speaking in general terms because it sounds better.

So, as we are talking of men, here's a merry Christmas to you and to the man you love, and if you don't love him here's to the man that you will love, for there is nothing in the world that gives you such a fine "Christmasy" feeling as to know that some good, big hearted, strong man cares for you and watches over you, and (I don't care if this loses me every strong-minded woman friend I have) that feeling is a Christmas present every woman ought to have.

Kate Clyde

New York.

A woman of Washington who applied for a license as engineer was examined in accordance with the law, and, having been found qualified to act as manager of a stationary engine, a license was issued to her.

Women Are the Angels Of a Christmastide

IMAGINE to yourself Christmas in a mining camp where there are no women! What would the "boys" do? Some of the miners would forget altogether that it was Christmas. They would rise with the dawn if it were a winter digging, swallow greasy flapjacks, bacon and scalding hot coffee and go out to ply pick and shovel all day long, coming home at night, cold, stiff and weary, merely to repeat the greasy flapjack and fried bacon and hot coffee performance and then sink into their bunks to lose themselves in sleep.

Others remember it is Christmas and do not work. What is there for them? They hang around their shanties, wash and mend their clothes, mayhap, then play cards. The married ones and those who have mothers and sweethearts probably remember to write letters home. Those who have not and who cannot bear the frightful loneliness and lack of all that makes Christmas cheer in civilization many a time drug their memories with fiery waters and end the sacred, beautiful day with a carouse that will give them oblivion for a few hours and whole days of dyspepsia and bitter regrets afterward. Heaven have mercy on these! They are well intentioned men who have forgotten they ever had mothers. Oh, of all the places and seasons Christmastide in a camp where there are only men!

If only there were a few good women in that camp how different it would be! There would be a Christmas dinner for all, even for the lone men who have forgotten they ever had mothers. There might not be any powdered sugar or any eggs but "desiccated" ones, yet the women would have made a fruit cake, and they would have washed the grit and stones off the currants though they had to melt snow to get water to do it with. The shanties would have been clean, bright and shining, there would have been some warm, new garment for the men, there would have been some pleasant, harmless hot spiced drinks all round, not the awful liquid fire that drowns man's memory to his ruin.

And at evening, of course, there would be card games and checkers—what else? Yet in the intervals the toughest, most hardened of the men who have forgotten they ever had mothers would have joined their rough voices to the chorus in "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night."

Christmas is the festival of holy motherhood and nurturing tenderness. It is at this season that the work of women for helpless and unfortunate children is most manifest. Every normal woman has a natural mother soul toward our whole unhappy, sinning, suffering race. She cannot be a mother to those who think they know so much more than she does; so she takes under her wing the neglected little children and seeks always and everywhere to make them happy, to fit them for taking care of themselves in the cruel years when they shall not have even a foster parent to mother them. In city after city of this land women maintain homes for unfortunate young ones. In one city perhaps they support a home and industrial school for crippled children, much of the fund that maintains the school through the year being raised from concerts, bazaars, donations and festivals in the weeks immediately preceding Christmas.

Other organizations of women annually appeal at the holiday season for the "little mothers," hapless girls, and sometimes boys, whose shoulders are bowed and whose child faces are shadowed with responsibility before they are ten years old because of taking care of baby brothers and sisters. You will see them on the streets any hour of the day amusing a flock of little ones or trundling a baby wagon, and the ladies who are putting some joy into their lives class the caretaking boys as little mothers too. Their parents are the wretchedly poor and shiftless who always have too many children. A woman's place is at home, you say. But what Christmas joy, what joy of any kind, would the numerous progeny of the unfit have if it were not for the good women who spend many hours away from their homes every year to be mothers and helpers and comforters in place of those who are too ignorant to realize their duty to their children.

Foundling asylums somehow stir the most tender, pitiful feelings of a woman's soul, and no wonder. The closing of a baby's velvet soft, clinging fingers around a grownup's fingers has sent strange vibrations through the frame of a rough man before now. With the best of care and the tenderest of parents there is often due to children a perpetual apology for their involuntary appearance in this world. What then of the waifs that have none to care for them at all, that would perish of cruel hunger and pain but for the ministrations of the benevolent? Women understand this with subtle instinct, and so at Christmas most of all, which is celebrated because of the birth of a Divine Child nineteen centuries ago, women make happy the inmates of foundling asylums, orphans' homes and children's hospitals.

Oh, yes; Christmas is, above all the rest of the year, the day of women and children.

The child's thoughts are of the presents it will get, the woman's are of the presents she will give. First, there is her own family. Every member must be provided for. Are there students of her blood away at college, young people away at work? Plum cakes and baskets of such delicacies as can be provided nowhere else than at home must be sent to each of the absent, while those at home must be equally remembered. Those nearest her being taken care of in advance, the woman's mother heart goes out to the rest of the world—to the children at first, then to the grown people in the homes for the incurable and for the aged and to the inmates of hospitals, and for these charities young ladies and old ones do not hesitate to beg and wheedle and flatter in the most shameless manner. At the Christmastide women, young and old and of all races and beliefs, beg and hustle and work and give, bless them, and Jewish women are many a time among the most actively benevolent of all.

Ministering Christmas angels are the devoted women of the college settlements in the slum hearts of the cities, where the children many a time are ignorant of the meaning of the word "country" as distinguished from town and literally believe that all the earth is a mass of brick walls and gleaming, iron railed trolley car streets. If anarchy is ever to be counteracted among our foreign population it will be largely through such work as that done by women in the slum settlements of our cities, those who labor most of all at Christmastide to fill with light the places made dark by ignorance. In deed and word sermon these women messengers of grace to people of all nations preach ever, but most of all at Christmas time, the glorious, creedless religion of human love and charity.

There was one woman Christmas angel who ministered yearly to 10,000 souls, whose all embracing love was poured out upon the just and the unjust, who knew no race or creed, who recognized no crime, depravity or unworthiness at the sacred giving season, who knew only that those who hour after hour filed past her were made in God's image. Year after year when Christmas came bright, gentle Emma Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army stood in the center of the vast Madison Square Garden, New York, and hour by hour passed out dinner baskets and sweet, inspiring words to those who marched by in the doleful procession of the miserable. This year the baskets will be there, but the Christmas angel is no more with her people.

LILLIAN GRAY.

THE CHRISTMAS WISH

By LUCILLE PENNAVEAU

I

"What will Christmas bring to me?"
Asked a little child
Kneeling at his mother's feet.
Looking down, she smiled:
"Toys and books and pretty things
Mother's boy will get,
And a lot of sweets and nuts
For my little pet."
"When I say my prayers I'll add
'God bless Santa Claus.'"

II

"What will Christmas bring to me?"
Asked a little child,
Looking in his mother's face,
Patient, worn and mild.
"Mamma's darling boy is cold,
Stockings, shoes and coat
Would keep my boy so warm and snug,
Is that what you wrote?
When you say your prayers you'll add,
'God bless Santa Claus.'"

III

"What will Christmas bring to me?"
Asked a little child,
Homeless, hungry and alone
In the night so wild.
Snow and sleet around him pile
Shimmering and white.
On a stone he lays his head,
Resting for the night.
When he says his prayers he'll add,
"Take me, Santa Claus!"

IV

"What will Christmas bring to us?"
Ask we all each year,
All alike, the rich, the poor,
Waiting for our share.
Each some want has, unsupplied,
Each some boon would crave:
Hoping, waiting—at Yuletide
Faintest hearts are brave.
All unite in Christmas prayer—
"Bless us, Santa Claus!"

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MISS SNIFFY'S Christmas

...By...
TABITHA SOURGRAPES

"IT does seem to me Christmas comes every three months," said Miss Sniffy, grumbling to herself. "Nothing but give, give, give, and the ungrateful creatures I spend my money on don't even thank me. The more you do the more they expect. It's a mean, ill natured, greedy world!"

Miss Sniffy touched the bell, which brought her neat maid, Mary.

"Here, Mary," said Miss Sniffy, "is your Christmas present. It is a blue calico dress and half a dozen white aprons. Of course these things are not just what I would give my niece, Miss Gwendolin, but they are entirely useful and suitable for one in your station in life."

Tabitha Sourgrapes.

The girl took the parcel with scarcely a word and hurried out, shutting the door after her. She felt as if she would burst. She flung the bundle upon the floor, then picked it up, saying:

"How I'd like to fling it at her head! My station in life!"

"Perfectly thankless! That's the way of the whole lot," remarked Miss Sniffy to herself inside the room. She touched the bell again. Mary ironed out her dissatisfied face immediately and answered it.

"Ask Miss Gwendolin to come to me," said Miss Sniffy.

Miss Gwen appears on the scene, a bright, merry faced, pretty girl.

"Gwendolin," remarked Miss Sniffy in her most unpleasant manner, "here's a Christmas present for you. It is really more than I can afford, and I ought not to give you so expensive a thing, but I suppose I can skimp myself and deny myself things I ought to have to make up for it. I wonder if you ever think how much you cost me? I probably will not be able to give you anything next year, but take it."

Gwen did not answer, but took the gift and hurried out as fast as she could, saying only, "Thanks, aunt." Her face was clouded, though the gift was an exquisite white ostrich tip cape with stole ends, just what the girl had been longing for and which set off her bright beauty like a halo. But she said as she looked at herself in the glass, "I feel as mean as if Aunt Sniff had slapped me in the face."

Miss Sniffy thought to herself: "Well, the minx might at least have been civilly thankful. But there's no more gratitude in her than in Mary."

Then Miss Sniffy put on her hat and took her distinguished presence to the Christmas tree festivities of the free trade school and kindergarten. She made a talk to the poor slum children. She asked them what they would rather have for a Christmas present. One little girl lisped:

"A candy rabbit."

A boy said he would rather have a train of cars. Miss Sniffy looked grave and remarked: "That is not at all what you ought to want. I have brought you what you ought to want. It is some serious books which will tell you what poor children like you ought to think and say and how you ought always to make your manners to the wise and good people who come down from their places to help you to be moral and obedient and humble. Read these books carefully. They are meant for just such children as you." The children merely looked crestfallen.

Miss Sniffy was a professional philanthropist. She had given a whole stained glass window to the bath room of the home for half orphan freckle faced children. It was called the Hannah Jane Sniffy memorial window. Her charities were as wide as the circulation of the newspapers in her city. When she got home that day a lady was waiting for her. The lady asked her to help a poor girl take music lessons to enable her to earn her living as a singer. The ladies wanted to give the money at Christmas.

"Is the charity a public one?" asked Miss Sniffy. "Oh, no," answered the lady. "The girl is proud. She expects to pay every cent back by and by. If a few ladies will consider the money they let her have as a private loan she will be very, very grateful, and"—

"My secretary will communicate with you and let you know," said Miss Sniffy in a manner not exactly suggestive of Christmas sweetness and light.

Next morning the lady got this answer: "Miss Sniffy can offer Mrs. Mulver no encouragement in the matter suggested. The regular philanthropic demands on Miss Sniffy at Christmas time already occupy all her time and attention."

GERMAN BARONESS DISCUSSES SERVANTS.

Baroness von Oertzen-Barber is president of the New York German Housewives' society, but her work in connection with this society is nothing compared to her interest in the intelligence offices of that city. She often has reported under an assumed name employment agencies that were not reputable. The baroness speaks interestingly on the subject of the servant and the mistress. "There is no reason," says she, "why women should have trouble with servants. I find the servants usually are not at fault. There are isolated cases of lazy and dishonest girls, but most of the foreign servants, especially those of Germany, are industrious and faithful. Good servants will not stay with an exacting and cruel employer, and one cannot blame them. Usually a good servant will not stay with a woman who is her inferior. The best way to avoid trouble is to treat the maid as if she were human."

KIPLING'S DAUGHTER.

Mr. Kipling's little daughter Josephine was well known by sight to Rottingdean and Brighton visitors. It is stated that Mr. Kipling has a great objection to any forcing of children with their studies. Some one once asked, "Is your little daughter going to be a writer?" "No," he replied; "I am proud to say she cannot even read." Josephine was called after her aunt, Miss Josephine Balestier, the translator of Marie Bashkirtseff's journal.

COURTSHIP IN TURKESTAN.

A wedding engagement in Turkestan begins with the payment of a substantial consideration to the girl's parents. If the girl jilts her lover the engagement gift has to be returned, unless the parents have another daughter to give as a substitute.

FINE PRESENTS.

When Chinese parents are about fifty-five years of age their affectionate sons and daughters unite in giving them each as handsome a coffin as possible. These presents are received with gratitude and are often used as wardrobes until such time as they are required by their owners for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

PECULIAR CASE

Malformation of Youth's Organs

BROOKINGS, S. D., Dec. 18—Surprising results have developed at a post mortem examination of the body of William Allson, 21 years old, who died after 10 days' illness, apparently from inflammation of the stomach. The young man several times during his illness said he had been poisoned and to satisfy the family a post mortem was held. The surgeons were astonished to find upon making an incision that there was a most peculiar displacement of the internal organs. The operators found an opening through the diaphragm and a dilated stomach, nearly three times its normal size, completely filling the left side of the thoracic cavity, taking the place of the left lung.

There was no left lung, only a small rudimentary lung about one inch thick and three inches square. Lying under the stomach was found the ascending and descending colon with the appendix attached in its usual place on the lower end of the colon and also in the thoracic cavity. The heart was located on the lower right side of the thoracic cavity extending parallel and next to the spinal column between the second and fifth ribs. The right lung was not of normal size. There is no question but the anatomical malformations of the different organs had existed since infancy. The young man had never been ill and this is the reason his peculiar condition had never been disclosed. The case is believed to be one of the most remarkable in the history of surgery.

Souvenir postal card albums. Lawler's.

INFORMAL RECEPTION

WAS HELD AT THE NORMAL SCHOOL YESTERDAY.

An informal reception to relatives and friends of the students and teachers of the State Normal school in Broadway was held at the school yesterday afternoon. The event was held prior to the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays. The entire building was thrown open to the guests and all of the school rooms were decorated in a very appropriate and artistic manner with evergreen and other Christmas decorations.

The exercises of the day started at 3.30 o'clock and were held in the gymnasium. The entertainment opened with a welcome song by the Misses Harriet Muiry, Helen Cox, Violet Twining, Mabel Williams, Ethel Brown and Mae Tracy. This was followed by a neatly constructed pantomime entitled "American Christmas," in which four of the students took part. The cast was as follows: Santa Claus, Miss Fannie Peabody; Mother, Miss Edna Holt; Children, Misses Nettie Washburn, Nettie Greenleaf.

This was followed by a chorus entitled "A German Christmas," in which Misses Tenney, Twining, Williams, Staples, Radden and Duffy took part. The closing chorus was entitled "Rag Muffins," the participants being the Misses Jennie Staples, Clara Duffy, Alice Seward and Bessie Kimball.

Following the entertainment dancing was enjoyed, following which refreshments were served by the young ladies. Miss Blanche Dodge was chairman of the refreshment committee and Miss Mary Cassidy was chairman of the entertainment committee. The decorations were carried out under the direction of Miss Clara Copp.

Lowell souvenir postal cards at Lawler's.

HIS WAR RECORD

PROBABLY SAVED CUSHING FROM ELECTRIC CHAIR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—William Cushing, who served under Admiral Dewey on the flagship Olympia at the battle of Manila, was convicted of murder in the second degree in the supreme court yesterday. Next Wednesday he will be sentenced to prison for life.

Cushing killed his wife. He said on the witness stand that he did not recall having committed the crime.

He told his experience at Manila. During the battle until the admiral suspended the fighting for breakfast, he was in the fireroom 20 feet below the waterline. The heat in the fireroom was so exhausting that he was relieved and sent to the magazine to pass powder and shell.

"While in the magazine I was struck in the head with a bag of powder weighing 113 pounds, which fell through the hatchway," he said.

His war record probably saved his life.

Any book not in stock cheerfully ordered at Lawler's.

LEATHER WORKERS

HELD THEIR ANNUAL PARTY LAST EVENING.

A successful dance was held in Associate hall last night under the auspices of the Amalgamated Leather Workers' union. This was the sixth social conducted by the union and proved to be far in excess of the previous ones, both financially and socially, the attendance also was very gratifying. Music for dancing was furnished by Kittredge's singing orchestra.

The success of the party was due to the zealous and untiring work of the following corps of officers: General manager, James F. Gilligan; assistant, Michael McMullin; floor director, Frank H. McGlone; assistant, George Landagne; chief aid, Albert J. Hanglin; aids, Bernard Tracy, James Connors, Manuel Mitto, Odie Miron, Amerlen Oliver, William Hartley, Philip Lynch, George Rogers, John Gleason, James Carney, Charles Riley, Fred Buckley; reception committee, Patrick Reagan, chairman; John White, John Corey, Timothy Wheley, William Mosean, Arthur Novel, William Campbell, Joseph Plant, Peter Perreault, George Tracy, secretary.

NORTH BILLERICA.

A pleasant birthday party was held at the home of Postmaster Charles Maxwell Wednesday evening in honor of the 18th birthday of Miss Florence, a daughter of Mr. Maxwell. The affair was attended by about 50 friends of the young lady, including a number from Lowell. In behalf of those present Miss Florence Bradley presented Miss Maxwell a beautiful gold bracelet. During the evening refreshments were served and a fine literary and musical program was carried out.

North Billerica Council, R. A., met in regular session Wednesday night and six applications for membership were received. The installation of the newly elected officers will take place at the first meeting held next month.

The semi-annual election of officers of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence society will be held Tuesday evening

Lowell, Friday, December 18, 1903

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

THE HAPPINESS OF THE YULETIDE-GIVING

THE atmosphere of good cheer prevails in this big store and surrounded with the laurel and holly we are reminded that Christmas must be near at hand. Forgetfullness of self is the key to happiness—the secret of the season's good cheer.

But the glad day of giving is "just around the corner." One week from today and it is here. Be ready. Remember everyone you can if even with a small remembrance.

This is the Christmas store. Here under one roof you may select all your gifts, for here are thirty-four stores in one, selling nearly everything for wear, or for the home.

We Shall Give Double Dark Blue Trading Stamps All Day Tomorrow

The interest shown in the contest for the Silver Service—to be given to the person collecting the largest number of Stamps at this store before Thursday, December 24th, (at noon) has grown to such an extent that we have decided to give DOUBLE STAMPS TOMORROW, ALL DAY.

Today it will be as usual—Double Stamps in the forenoon, up to 1 o'clock; Single Stamps in the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

35 feet of counter space devoted to Handkerchief selling and more people to serve you than ever. We doubt if any two stores in town have so many Handkerchiefs. We know that ours are the best for the money.

FOR MEN.

All Linen, hemstitched, ¼, ½, and 1 inch hems,
12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c, 38c, 50c and 75c

Linen tape bordered,
12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c

Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c each. Six in a fancy box for only.....$1.35

A better grade at..... 50c

Unlaundered Initials, only 12½c Each

Cotton Handkerchiefs, plain white and colored border, only.....5c Each

FOR WOMEN.

All linen, hemstitched, ⅛, ¼ and ½ in. hems....12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c, 38c, 50c

Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c. Six in a box for.....$1.35

Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs for .....12½c and 25c

Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 25c, 38c, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 $2.00 and up.

Lace Trimmed Linen Handkerchiefs, from .....25c to $10.00

CHILDREN'S.

Initial Handkerchiefs, three in a fancy box.....25c Each

Japanese Silk Initials....25c and 50c

Japanese Hemstitched Silk Kerchiefs, ¼, ½ and 1 in. hems,
29c, 39c, 50c, 75c and $1.00

East Section—Centre Aisle.

FOR THE LITTLE TOTS

Christmas things that will cause many a new laugh and smile.

Knit Leggings—never had colored Leggings before. Here are blue, brown and red to match the coats..$1.00 Each

Angora Bonnets.....$1.75 Each

Silk Bonnets, trimmed with lace and ribbons.....50c to $3.50

Pretty ones in light blue and pink, trimmed with moussella de soie and ribbon, for..... $3.50

The Arnold knit goods make serviceable gifts. Dainty little wrappers of pink and blue striped material, edged with ribbon.....50c Each

Bath Aprons..... $1.00

Bedroom Slippers.....25c Pair

East Section—Second Floor.

THE BOOK STORE

We're calling attention to some very handsome gift books that are quite inexpensive.

For 19 Cents

A series of dainty volumes, bound in half white vellum, illuminated sides, in gold and colors and numerous illustrations.

The Silver Buckle.
Dickens' Children's Stories.
The Children's Shakespeare.
Young Robin Hood.
Honor Bright.
The Voyage of Mary Adair.
The Kingfisher's Egg.
Taltine.
The Doings of a Dear Little Couple.
Our Soldier Boy.
The Little Skipper.
Little Gervaise.
The Christmas Fairy.
Regular price 29c.

For 25 Cents

Illustrated devotional series religious literature, illuminated title page, full white vellum, designs in gold and colors:

Bible Birth Books.
The Changed Cross.
Christian Living.
Coming to Christ.
Daily Food.
The Day Breaketh.
Evening Thoughts.
Kept for the Master's Use.
Line Upon Line.
Morning Thoughts.
My King and His Services.
Deep of Day.
Precept Upon Precept.
Steps Into the Blessed Life.
These are usually 35c.

For 25 Cents

The Good Times Series, printed on choice paper, profusely illustrated, illuminated covers:

Under the Stars.
Story of the Robins.
Jackanapes.
Christmas Stockings.
Laddie.
Making a Start.
Story of a Donkey.
Blue Grass Beauty, etc.
Usually 35c for these.

Palmer Street, Centre Aisle.

TEA AND COFFEE

85c — 5 lbs. Sugar, 1 pound Tea, 1 pound Coffee. — 85c

This is our Saturday special; it's a good one.

Merrimack Street, Basement.

IN SOLID SILVER

Here's a special Brush and Comb Set, neatly boxed, only.....$1.98

Bonnet Brushes.....98c, $1.25
Cloth Brushes $1.50, $4.50
Hair Brushes .....$1.50 to $5.00
Whisk Brooms.....50c to $1.75
Military Brushes .....$2.25 to $4.50
Mirrors .....$2.25 to $10.00
Flasks $3.50
Pen Racks .....98c to $1.25
Blotters ..... 50c to $1.50
Inks ..... 50c to $1.50
Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon $2.25 and $3.00 a Set
Children's Drinking Cups $2.25 to $3.00
Bag-tags, Pencil-holders, Emerys, Tape Measures, Thimble Cases, Glove Menders, etc.
Porcelain Toilet Sets.
Brush, Comb and Mirror, boxed, Only $1.25

West Section, Right Aisle.

Again We Say to You, Watch for the Special Stamp Offers

HERE'S A HOLIDAY ONE FOR TODAY

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS

TODAY YOU MAY CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BEST STOCKS OF UMBRELLAS IN NEW ENGLAND, AND PURCHASING ONE—NO MATTER WHAT PRICE—RECEIVE $4.00 WORTH OF EXTRA TRADING STAMPS.

Here are Men's Umbrellas any price you wish, from 98c to $15.00. All styles from the heavy 9-rib fellows to the trappy London clubs. Big swagger handles or modest ones, and any kind of a covering that you wish.

Ladies' Umbrellas, made for service as well as jaunty looking. Some with long ribbons and heavy tassels, others of the mannish sort. Genteel looking handles of pearl, gun metal, burnt ivory, or horn; gold or silver trimmed.

Thin silks that roll almost into the stick or heavier weaves that are sure enough "rain shedders".....98c to $15.00

Children's Umbrellas, pretty and good for wear.....50c to $1.50

We engrave our Umbrellas free and give you a neat box for the Ladies' Umbrellas costing $2.00 or over.

Merrimack Street—Centre Tables.

A SATURDAY STAMP SPECIAL FROM THE

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SECTION

From one woman to another. A pretty article of Lingerie.

WE ANNOUNCE EXTRA GOOD VALUES IN PRETTY MUSLIN UNDERSKIRTS AND WITH EACH PURCHASE WE'LL GIVE $4.00 WORTH OF EXTRA STAMPS.

FOR 98c—Muslin Underskirts, umbrella patterns, full ruffle, open embroideries and tucks, regular price $1.98.

FOR $1.49—Umbrella Skirts trimmed with wide ruffle of Point de Paris lace with two rows of insertion. Regular price $2.50.

FOR $1.98—Pretty Skirts, umbrella, ruffles trimmed with four rows of insertion and wide lace edge; five different patterns of wide embroideries, open and blind patterns; regular price $2.98.

FOR $2.49—Five different styles of the most beautiful laces and embroideries, unusually full and pretty. These skirts are worth $3.50.

FOR $3.98—A grand model Underskirt made of the finest lawn, trimmed with fine imported French point lace, serpentine appliques; regular price $6.00.

As we shall give double Stamps all day Saturday these bargains are exceptionally worthy.

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

APRONS

Time was when the ladies fashioned Christmas aprons themselves; chose the material with great care, and were particular about the trimmings. Here are aprons just as good with all the care put into them, but by someone else who perhaps knows even better. Come here for your Christmas aprons. White Lawn Aprons, tucked, hemstitched and hamburg trimmed, from
25c to $2.00 Each

Nurses' and Waitresses' Aprons, tucked, hemstitched and hamburg trimmed brettels, from 25c to $1.50

Afternoon or Tea Aprons, lace trimmed and hamburg ruffles, from
25c to $2.50

East Section—Centre Aisle.

A SPECIAL SALE OF

WINTER CAPS

FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Good warm Caps for men that at regular prices are 75c, $1.00 and $1.50, for only.....35c Each

Samples from a big manufacturer, made from rough and smooth materials in all the new styles, well made with good linings. The boys' Caps are the 25c, 50c and 75c sort, only .....15c Each

The kind of head coverings to wear these cold December days. If you want on, better come today.

Palmer Street—Basement.

Toys

Toydom is crowded this year, although we've given it more space. Such a collection of instructive, as well as amusing, creations has never before been seen in this section of the county. Big boys and little boys, girls, too, will find this big toy basement of ours the most interesting place in Lowell.

Unbreakable Iron Toys

Stronger and better put together this year than ever before. Railroad Trains, Fire Departments, Police and Fire Patrols, Ice Wagons, Coal Wagons, Milk Wagons, Dump Carts, Pony and Donkey Carts, Automobiles, Electric Cars, from ..... 10c to $2.00 each

See the Friction Toys. No winding. Up hill or down hill, it's just the same. Autos, Engines and Hook and Ladder Trucks .....50c and $1.00

Mechanical Toys

With springs that cannnot get out of order.

Fire Patrols, Autos, Cabs..... $1.00 and $1.25

Railroads, complete with switches and everything else, 3 sizes
50c, $1.00 and $2.00

See the Bucking Donkeys, the Boy on Stilts, the Chinese Carriage
29c, 39c, 50c

And a host of others.

The Whirba-Mobile, a great circus trick reproduced as a toy..25c and 50c

Spring Steam Boats that go in the water, substantially built, two sizes
$1.00 and $1.50

The Humpty Dumpty Circus is the funniest toy yet produced. There's a clown and the elephant.

A trick donkey and the queer things they'll do for you. "More'n worth the price of admission."

Wooden Toys

Under this head come sleds for boys and girls, from.....25c to $2.00 each

Chairs and Rockers for the little folks, from..... 25c to $2.00

Nursery and High Chairs, in plain and walnut finish, at.....50c and $1.00

Doll Carriages and Go-Carts..... 25c to $5.00

Doll's Saratoga Trunks..... 10c to $3.00

Noah's Arks, Fire Stations, Doll Houses, Stables, Kitchens, with characters and animals..... 10c to $3 each

Rocking Horses, Swing Horses, Shoo Flies, from.....50c to $12.50 each

Specials at ..... 75c, $3 and $4

Children's Desks, roll tops and drop fronts, perfect reproductions of the "old folks' ones,"..... 80c, $1.19 up to $3.98

Revolving Chairs ..... $1 each

Black Boards with charts, alphabets, etc., 6 sizes, from...25c to $1.50 each

Pianos of good accurate tune and well pitched, from.....25c to $8.00

Piano Stools..... 25c and 50c

Drums, with heads that will stand a lot of banging.....25c to $2.00

Magic Lanterns of our own importation, with reliable lenses and good slides, in a big assortment..... 25c to $5.00

Tool Chests

The pride and joy of any real boy. Ours come direct from the manufacturers, and we're sure that the boxes are better made and the tools of a worthy sort ..... 25c to $2.00

See the Games—Pit is the most popular, and there are hundreds of others here which are interesting and instructive, from .....10c to $1.00

For the Tree—There's a most extensive showing of the tree trimmings that make the shimmer and sheen of Christmas morn. Tinsel, both gold and silver, trimmed pictures, candles and candle-holders. All next to nothing in price.

Merrimack Street—Basement.

LARGE ICEBERGS

Threaten to Block the Northern Coast

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 18.—Advices from the northern coast report intense frosts. The bays are frozen and mighty icebergs are drifting south, threatening to block the coast. In several harbors vessels are gripped in the ice and will be compelled to remain until spring. Within a week navigation will be closed throughout the eastern seaboard. Belle Isle strait is choked with ice and all shipping has ceased to move.

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GENTLEMAN ROBBER

PARDONED FROM JOILET PRISON YESTERDAY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—James Dunlap, the "gentleman bank robber," famed as one of the cleverest men at his calling in the world, is again at large. Word was received at police headquarters yesterday from Joliet to the effect that through clemency of the pardoning board the noted criminal had been given his freedom. Dunlap was serving time for a bank robbery at Montmouth, Ill., which occurred two years ago. His criminal record extends back a score of years or more.

BRYAN IN MOSCOW.

MOSCOW, Dec. 18.—William J. Bryan arrived here yesterday and went to visit Count Tolstoi. Mr. Byran will proceed to St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.

TWO ROBBERS

HELD UP SOMERVILLE MAN AT WALTHAM.

WALTHAM, Dec. 18—Louis King, an employe of the Davis & Farnum's foundry, claims that he was the victim of an attempted holdup shortly after 5 last evening on the B. & M. tracks in the vicinity of the foundry.

The case was not reported to the police, but this oversight may be due to the fact that King lives in Somerville, and went to his home immediately after the affair happened.

According to the story of other employes of the foundry, King quit work about 5 and started across lots to the Bleachery railroad station for his train. He had just reached the railroad tracks when two masked men jumped from the side of the track and ordered him to throw up his hands and give them his money.

King succeeded in breaking away from his assailants, ran back to the foundry and told what happened.

He was greatly excited and could barely speak. A number of his fellow-workers went to the scene of the attack, but could find no trace of the alleged robbers.

Yesterday was pay day at the foundry, and it is believed that this fact was known to the men that made the assault. The police made what investigation they could last night, but are waiting until tomorrow morning to see King and get his version of the affair.

Anything to beat Grant. Come and see the special prices on Xmas gifts at the Merrimack—it's done to offset the fever on stamps. Look at the value we give you in comparison with the value you get with stamps.

Episcopal prayer books and bibles. Lawler's.

Military Dance at the Armory tonight.

WITH CROWBARS

JOHN JOSEPH BANIGAN MARCHED ON STRONG BOX.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 18.—The millions left by Joseph Banigan have clashed in a legal fight which promises to become one of the most interesting ever heard in this state, and all over the efforts of relatives of millionaire John Joseph Banigan to place him under the restraint of a guardian.

The initial steps against Mr. Banigan were taken in the probate court here a few days ago. Mr. Banigan appeared at the Hospital Trust company yesterday and attempted to go to his safe deposit box, but was not permitted to do so. His attorney, John W. Hogan, issued orders to secure a sheriff's posse and same crowbars, preparatory for a raid upon the big vaults of the safe deposit company.

The sheriffs appeared, headed by Deputy Coates, armed with a writ of replevin. Three stout men marched into the office of Lawyer Hogan with crowbars and a lot of jimmies and they were held in readiness. Sheriff Coates demanded that the vault be opened for the admittance of Mr. Banigan, and he displayed his writ and also notified Pres. Wells that he would call upon him if needs be for his assistance in breaking open the doors of the safe deposit vaults.

Mr. Banigan after great confusion secured his million or so in bonds and declared he would spend his last dollar in the guardianship contest. The proceedings in the Providence courts may fail, but they will be renewed in Westerly.

Genuine Chinaware at Oriental Bazaar.

Testaments and Hymnals. Lawler's.

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

It is a pleasant announcement to make that at the second recital next Sunday, Schuecker, the exquisite harpist from the Boston Symphony orchestra will appear. Everybody likes Schuecker; he is no stranger to Lowell. What any man or woman can do on a harp he can do as well and usually a little better. He needs no advance advertising. While Schuecker would be regarded by most people as a fair exchange for Maud MacCarthy, the violinist who has canceled her engagement for the present, it has been decided to give an additional pleasure to the patrons of the Orchestral society by presenting also Miss Lucie Tucker of Boston, the well known contralto of Boston musical circles. She will be remembered with pleasure by those who heard her some years ago in Odd Fellows hall, as a beautiful woman whose efforts electrified the audience. As another announcement Miss Mary Howe, the nightingale of America, the great favorite of Lowell audiences, has been engaged for the third recital, Jan. 24. With these attractions and others previously announced and some not yet announced, people will make no mistake in securing honorary tickets for the remaining five recitals. Some excellent reserved seats still remain which can be obtained at Austin's. The regular sale of recital tickets is now open at the same place.

Oriental Bazaar's ad. on last page.

TURNED HIS BACK

SENATOR HOAR REFUSED TO SHAKE HANDS WITH SCOTT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Senator Mitchell of Oregon and Editor Harvey Scott of the Portland Oregonian got on the senate elevator in the sub-basement yesterday.

When they reached the basement floor Senator Hoar of Massachusetts entered. Senator Mitchell introduced Mr. Scott to Senator Hoar in a pretty little speech. Mr. Scott put out his hand to shake hands.

Senator Hoar put his hands behind his back. Both Scott and Mitchell were much surprised and looked inquiringly at Senator Hoar, who said:

"You notice I did not shake hands with you?"

"Yes," said Scott, "and why?"

"Because your paper said some years ago that Senator Morrill of Vermont was staying alive merely to save funeral expenses."

Scott didn't know whether to laugh or get indignant. He said:

"Of course that statement may have been printed in my paper, but I have no recollection of it. I had a man from Vermont working on the paper once, and he may have written it, but I do not remember it."

"You are responsible for what appears in your paper, are you not?" inquired Senator Hoar very seriously.

"Yes, sir," Scott replied.

"Well, sir, then I shall not shake hands with you."

"Very well," said Scott, "I shall turn my bark on you."

He did, and the elevator went up in an atmosphere so cold that frost gathered on the bronze work.

Books bound in burnt leather, a novelty. Lawler's.

GINTER GROCERY.

We wish everybody a merry Christmas, and we are certainly doing all in our power to make it so. What would Christmas be without a well spread table of all the good things of this world, and we have them in great abundance. A visit to our store would reveal the fact that a better display of first-class groceries would be hard to find. The store is beautifully trimmed with festoons of holly which give a very attractive appearance. Several clerks are in attendance to wait on the endless number of patrons, and Mr. Cuzner, who is the manager of the store, is certainly the right man in the right place. When you are looking for the lowest prices in groceries do not fail to place an order with the Ginter Grocery Co. As well as giving you more for your money than any other store in town we also give trading stamps. The people of Lowell and vicinity are cordially invited to call and inspect our goods whether they desire to buy or not.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Merrimacks defeated the Concords last night by a score of 1172 to 1169, the game being close and exciting all through. The winners led by nine pins on the first string, but lost the second string by 23 pins, but a Garrison finish on the third string landed the string for the Merrimacks by 17 pins.

Currier with 246 was the high man while Lynch made the highest single string, 91. The game was won by a spare in the last box by Mahon. The score:

Merrimacks—A. E. Richardson 239, A. L. Richardson 220, McDonald 244, Singleton 234, Mahon 235; totals 1172.

Concords—Stearns 252, Currier 246, Lyons 242, Perrin 238, Michaud 211; totals 1169.

The Ramblers made the Big Five look like 30 cents on Les Miserables alleys last night, the former defeating the latter by 99 pins. The score:

Ramblers—Smith 219, Clayton 256, Marsden 282, Rigby 253, J. Simpson 250; totals 1210.

Big Five—Livingston 206, Slavin 228, McGreavy 222, A. Simpson 226, Ambrose 229; totals 1111.

STILES ON TRIAL

HE IS ACCUSED OF MUTILATING HORSES.

SALEM, Dec. 18.—Fred Stiles was placed on trial in the first district court yesterday, charged with mutilating several horses in Danvers and Peabody on the night of Oct. 30. There were six complaints against him, three for breaking and entering the barns of Benjamin W. Perry and John F. Wheelock in Danvers and Daniel H. Flint in Peabody, and three complaints for mutilating horses owned by Perry, Wheelock and Flint.

Benjamin W. Perry, 205 Maple street, Danvers, testified to finding his horse mutilated. The animal's ears were cut and the hair hacked from his tail. He and Stiles, he said, had not spoken for some time.

John F. Wheelock of Pine street, Danvers, testified to the mutilation of his horse. Daniel H. Flint of Goodell street, West Peabody, told of similar work done to a horse owned by him.

Chief of Police Joseph Merrill of Danvers testified to finding a blood-stained saddle, bridle, blanket, overalls and towel in the barn of W. K. Bigelow in Danvers. Stiles had denied that he had used them on expeditions to mutilate animals. He had been told by Mr. Bigelow and J. M. Souhorn that Stiles had killed two chickens and that this would account for the bloodstains.

Dr. Charles Harrington of the Harvard medical school testified that the stains found on the harness and clothing were not those of chicken blood, but resembled that from a horse.

Chief of Police Michael H. Grady of Peabody testified to investigating the mutilation of Mr. Flint's horse and his suspicion of Stiles.

Arthur M. Peabody, who lives on the Andover turnpike, near Pope lane, in Danvers, testified that about 1.45 a. m. Oct. 31, he heard his mother talking to some one at the front door. He looked out of the window and saw a man whom he afterward identified as Stiles. He was asking the way to Danvers, saying he was from Boston, and had lost his way. On cross examination he admitted that he identified Stiles by the latter's voice alone.

The case was submitted to the court without argument. Judge Holden reserved his decision until Saturday.

Fancy ink stands and desk novelties. Lawler's.

SENATOR INDICTED

GRAND JURY RETURNED TRUE BILL AGAINST DIETRICH.

OMAHA, Dec. 18.—The U. S. grand jury yesterday made its report to the court, returning 19 true bills. These include indictments against U. S. Senator Charles H. Dietrich for alleged illegal leasing of a building to the government to be used as a postoffice; Ex-Adjt. Gen. Leonard W. Colby, for the alleged embezzlement of government funds; Daniel Gaines of Bassett, Neb., for alleged perjury in swearing falsely to homestead entries; Ex-State Senator Elliott Lowe for alleged conspiracy to bribe U. S. Senator and Postmaster John S. Mitchell of Alma, charging illegal sale of postage stamps.

The indictments against Senator Dietrich and State Senator Lowe are in addition to those returned against them a week ago.

FOR ALLEGED LARCENY.

Inspector Maher and Officer Peter Cawley yesterday afternoon arrested Marie Louise Duchain, 19, on a warrant charging her with the larceny of a coat valued at $25, the property of Mary L. McGee.

WILL MAKE PROPOSITION.

At a meeting of the creditors of H. B. Shattuck & Son to be held in the law office of Burke & Corbett, this afternoon a proposition will be made to the creditors.

Hand lace trimmings, Oriental Bazaar.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

And will help make it a happy one if you call at either of our stores, Middlesex street or corner of Gorham and Winter streets, where you will find a large stock of Men's, Youths' and Children's Clothing, Boots, Shoes, and furnishing goods suitable for Christmas Presents. Our goods are always the lowest priced and best in the city for the money. We will also give every customer a beautiful 1904 Calendar free. The Calendar is a work of art and has a beautiful photograph of the famous dog Boss and her little family.

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Isabella Fox Scarfs...$7.50 to $30.00	Misses' Sable Fox Sets.....$5.00
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Isabella Fox Muffs ...$7.50 to $20.00	Misses' White Mouflon Sets...$8.98
Mink Scarfs.....$7.50 to $20.00	Misses' Blue Mouflon Sets....$8.98
Marten Scarfs.....$7.50 to $25.00	Misses' River Mink Sets.....$5.00
Sable Opossum Muffs $6.00 to $ 8.75	Misses' Blended Mink Sets $5.98
Electric Seal Muffs...$2.98 to $ 5.00	Children's Hare Sets.....75
Raccoon Muffs.....$5.00 to $15.00	Children's White Lamb Sets $1.25 to $2.00
Marten Muffs.....$8.98 to $20.00	Children's White Angora Sets $1.50 to $2.50
Squirrel Muffs.....$8.50 to $12.00	Electric Coats $17.50
Brown Bear Boas....$10.00 to $35.00	Nearseal Coats.....$25.00 to $45.00
Misses' Lambs' Wool Sets....$ 4.00	
Misses' Silver Hare Sets.....$ 5.00	
Misses' Im. Ermine Sets.....$ 5.00	

New Rain Coats $10, $13.50, $15.00
New Feather Boas $7.50, $10.90, $17.50

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Everybody admires fine footwear, and everybody tries to have it in one form or another. There is nothing you can give at this season that is so sure of appreciation. Don't let the matter of size trouble you; we shall be pleased to adjust all differences in the week following Christmas and can guarantee a perfect fit and satisfaction. Our stock embraces everything in the way of footwear for young and old from the daintiest slipper to a hip rubber boot.

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OF MEN'S, BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S

High Grade Clothing

$40,000 to be raised by Jan. 1st. Last Saturday the biggest Overcoat day of the season. More coats sold than on any one day up to date. Tomorrow will be still bigger. Come early in the day.

Men's and Young Men's Overcoats

Long Coats, Short Coats, Full Box Coats, Belted Coats, all styles of make and fabric, marked down for this sale.

$10 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	7.75
$12 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	8.75
$15 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	9.75
$15 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	12.75
$18 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	12.75
$18 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	14.75
$20 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	14.75
$22 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	16.50
$25 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	19.50
$30 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	24.50

Men's and Young Men's Suits

All the Men's and Young Men's Suits in fancy mixtures in all styles, and at all prices from the cheapest to the best, to go at this time. You take your pick from our entire stock of new suits

$10 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	7.75
$12 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	8.75
$15 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	12.75
$18 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on Sale now at	14.75
$20 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	14.75
$22 Men's and Young Men's Wintes Suits on sale now at	18.00
$25 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	20.00

Boys' and Children's Overcoats

Every coat 3 to 16 years marked down, long or medium length, plain or belted back, all included in this sale.

$10.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 10 to 16 years, on sale now at	7.75
$8.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 10 to 16 years, on sale now at	6.50
$7.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years, on sale now at	5.75
$6.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years, on sale now at	4.75
$5.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years, on sale now at	4.25 and 3.75
$4.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years on sale now at	3.50
$3.50 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 8 years, on sale now at	2.75
$3.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 8 years, on sale now at	2.25
$2.50 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 8 years, on sale now at	2.00

Boys' and Children's Suits

In Sailors, Norfolk and Three-Piece style marked down for this sale. All sizes, 3 to 17 years, in a great variety of styles and patterns.

$5.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	3.25
$5.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	4.25
$6.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	4.50 and 4.75
$7.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	5.75
$4.00 and $5.00 Norfolk Suits, ages 5 to 16 years, on sale now at	2.75
$3.00 and $3.50 Sailor Suits, ages 3 to 10 years, on sale now at	2.00
$4.00 and $5.00 Sailor Suits, ages 3 to 10 years, on sale now at	2.75
30 Vestee Suits, in ages 3 to 6 years, all fine suits and have sold at $4, $5 and $6, all now marked	2.00
20 Reefers and Long Overcoats, all in 3 and 4 yr sizes, fine little coats that sold at $4, $5, now mark'd	2.00

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FROM YESTERDAY'S LATE EDITIONS

HARRY JONES

Lowell Boy Wanted by the Virginia Police

Charged With Making a $1 Check $9—He's an Athlete and Bogus Magazine Agent—He is Also Wanted in Concord, N. H.

From Richmond, Va., a few days ago, came the somewhat sensational story of a girl, sweet 16, masquerading in boys' clothing, doing remarkable horizontal bar work in gymnasiums and jumping board bills. The alleged young man gave the name of Harry M. Jones, and said he belonged in Lowell.

The dispatch stated that not until the arrest of Jones was it discovered that Harry was a girl. The message from Richmond stated that the superintendent of police of this city had been communicated with and that he had sent back word that the girl in question was a mill girl who had disappeared from her home in this city several weeks ago. The fact of the matter was that Supt. Moffatt had not heard a word about the case until it was told him by a Sun reporter. The man who wrote the story in Richmond took liberties with the facts.

It has since transpired, however, that there was a Harry Jones in Richmond, Va., and he accomplished all that the Richmond despatch credited to the girl in the story and the police are now wondering how it happened that Harry M. Jones was suspected of being a girl.

The police are satisfied that Harry belongs in Lowell. He lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Sheldon, 100 Lilley avenue, from the time he was 2 years old until last July. He was then 15 years old and he left his grandmother to join his mother in Woonsocket, R. I. He did not reach Woonsocket and his mother and grandmother have not heard from him since that time.

Harry was exceptionally clever and was very fond of magazines. The story that came from Richmond, Va., about Harry Jones, supposed to be a girl, said that he professed to be an agent for certain magazines and that he obtained money in advance on the strength of his representations. While in Lowell Harry often said he would like to travel as the representative of some good magazine.

Harry's identity was discovered because of a telegram that Supt. Moffatt received yesterday, from the chief of police of Lexington, Va., asking him to send Harry's picture, if possible. He said that the boy hailed from Lowell and gave the names of several persons whom he knew in this city. Harry got into trouble in Lexington by raising a $1 check to $9. He introduced himself as a general agent for Everybody's Magazine and a man by the name of Burke subscribed for the magazine and gave the boy a check for $1. Harry was a little bit short at the time and he made the one a nine just to save himself the trouble of earning eight.

The Lexington chief of police said in his letter to Mr. Moffatt that the boy is exceptionally clever and he expects that he was doing a big business in that section of the country.

Close upon the heels of the message from Lexington, Ky., came a message from a law firm in Concord, N. H., addressed to Supt. Moffatt asking him about a young fellow named Harry M. Jones. The writer, one of the firm, said: "Our clients are anxious to meet the young man."

While in Lowell, so far as the police know, Harry managed to steer clear of the strong arm of the law. His name does not appear on the books at police station and he is unknown to the officers. Supt. Moffatt will make a further investigation of Harry's case and it is possible that some new developments may be produced.

SAD DISCOVERY

Family Affected With Contagious Diseases

A sad case of poverty and illness was brought to the attention of Secretary Courtney by Dr. Pierre Brunelle today, who reported three cases of scarlet fever and one of diphtheria in the family of a Mrs. McDonald on Chestnut street.

Mrs. McDonald, whose husband has left her, was the sole support of her family of little ones, working every day in the mill until the children took ill, when she was forced to remain at home to care for them.

Dr. Brunelle who was sent to attend the family found the children suffering with scarlet fever. Yesterday the mother took ill and it was discovered today that she is a victim of diphtheria while her youngest child whose case was diagnosed as scarlet fever now appears to have membraneous croup.

Secretary Courtney lost no time in notifying the health department of the state of affairs and Inspector Bates upon investigating removed the entire family to the Lowell hospital, where they will receive proper care.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

SIX TEAMS AGREE ON A SCHEDULE.

The amateur basketball league was organized this afternoon. Managers of six clubs met with Manager Gray at Huntington hall and agreed upon a schedule. The games will be played prior to the big games in Huntington hall. Tonight the Brookside and the Crimsons will line up at 7.30. Saturday night the Boys' club, Nos. 1 and 2, will play, and next Tuesday night the contestants will be the Warrens and the Jugglers.

TELEGRAPH CABLES

BEING LAID IN CENTRAL STREET TODAY.

Employes of the Postal Telegraph company are laying the heavy cables in the lower part of Central street today preparatory to making connections with the office.

PATTEE ILL

CITY MESSENGER CONFINED TO HIS HOME.

City Messenger Joseph E. Pattee is confined to his home by illness and all questions are being answered by Janitor Delmage.

Mr. J. Leggett, formerly in the jewelry business in Central street, is now with Filton the jeweler, corner of Prescott and Central streets.

GENERAL BLACK

Offered Civil Service Commissionership

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The president has tendered the position of civil service commissioner made vacant by the death of John R. Proctor to Gen. John C. Black of Chicago.

Gen. Black is commander-in-chief of the Grand Army.

CARS DESTROYED

RAILROAD TRAFFIC BLOCKED FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

WESTERLEY, R. I., Dec. 17.—The burning of six freight cars and a caboose at Stonington Junction, Conn., was instrumental in stalling the Colonial express and two other passenger trains at that point for an hour or so today. The fire was caused by the overturning of a caboose onto a flat car, the cars ignited from an upset stove in the caboose. Because of the great distance from hydrants the Stonington fire department was unable to cope with the element, but by means of extinguishers and the organization of a bucket brigade, the fire was subdued after hard efforts. The track was cleared this afternoon.

WANTS TO PROSECUTE

GOV. GARVIN'S POSITION IN THE BRIBERY CASES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—In accordance with his decision made yesterday Gov. Garvin today requested Atty Gen. Stearns to render an opinion in regard to the advisability of prosecuting persons in Rhode Island towns who are charged with bribery by inspectors who made investigation on election day. The report of their findings was presented to the governor a few days ago.

FORCED TO STEAL

STORY TOLD BY GIRLS UNDER ARREST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Celia Gilson and Fannie Lewis, the New York girls known to the police as the "schoolhouse" workers, will be arraigned today. They tell conflicting tales.

Besides confessing to many thefts from schoolhouses, the girls say they have taken many articles from stores. Both girls declare they were never guilty of any wrongdoing before they were lured here two weeks ago by two men.

The Gilson girl says her mother drove her from home.

NEARING THE END

Prosecution in Rogers Trial

IS EXPECTED TO REST THIS AFTERNOON

Mrs. Laura Perham Was Recalled

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 17.—It was expected at noon today that the prosecution in the trial of Mrs. Mary A. Rogers for the alleged murder of her husband would rest its case before adjournment today. The trial opened a week ago yesterday. There was much wrangling between the lawyers, in the course of the forenoon proceedings today, over law points, and the admission of certain evidence. The principal contention was over the attempt of the prosecution to introduce testimony to the effect that on the night before the alleged murder, Rogers, at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Philipot, had said that he was to meet his wife that evening and that he should destroy his insurance papers before doing so. The court ruled for the defense and excluded the evidence.

It had been intimated earlier in the trial that the prosecution expected the defense to attempt to transfer responsibility for the crime from Mrs. Rogers, the defendant, to Leon Perham, her confessed accomplice. The move made this morning, however, was the first direct attempt to discount the probable defense. Sheriff Henry Wilson of Bennington county, who was called to the stand early in the day, told of wheel tracks found in the dust of the road, when he visited the scene of the alleged murder. Being engaged in an investigation of the case at that time he made a careful examination of the tracks upon the supposition that they might have a bearing on the case. As a result of that examination he was satisfied that the track was made by a bicycle and not by a wheelbarrow or any other flat tired vehicle.

Mrs. Laura Perham, mother of Leon and Levy Perham, who have had a prominent place in the trial, was recalled to the stand today for redirect examination to clear up some apparent discrepancies in her testimony which had been developed by the cross-examination. Following this the woman was subjected to a very severe re-cross-examination. Her memory prover defective as to dates and incidents at her home after Rogers' body had been brought there, and when pressed hard for an answer the woman several times burst intdo tears. Hor story in the main was unshaken.

Charles H. Potter, a furniture dealer, told of arrangements made by Mrs. Rogers previous to her husband's death to purchase furniture for a new home. She was about to marry a painter, she said. Potter said that when Mrs. Rogers first came to his store she wanted to purchase the furniture on the installment plan, but later she said the payment might be made "in a lump."

Cumulative evidence as to the relations said to have existed between Mrs. Rogers and Morris Knapp, with whom the woman is alleged to have been in love, was introduced. Sele Pike, a livery stable keeper, contradicted a statement made by Leon Perham, that he was at home on the night that Rogers was killed, by testifying that Perham was at work in the stable on that night.

The reference to Rogers' intention to destroy his insurance papers came out in connection with the examination of Mabel Philpot, who, with her sister, Myrtle, described the movements of both Rogers and his wife. The evidence rejected left practically nothing of the testimony of Mabel Philpot, but the fact that Rogers was at the home of the mother of the witness, who was Rogers' aunt, the night before the murder. Myrtle Philpot said that the day after the murder Mrs. Rogers called, saying that she had met her husband the evening before and that he had left her, saying that she would never again look upon his living face. Mrs. Rogers asked advice about sounding the fire alarm to get out parties to search for her husband's body, as she believed he had committed suicide. Finally she said they had quarreled.

"The time may come," she said, "when I'll have to tell it, and I might as well tell it now."

HUSBAND LOST

AND HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Gill Smyth was lost four days without knowing it. He found himself here when his wife, in tears, threw her arms around his neck in the West Philadelphia Terminal of the Pennsylvania railroad and demanded an explanation.

The wife first had to explain to Smyth that he had been lost. Then he was able to tell how it happened.

Smyth, who is a toothbrush manufacturer of Brooklyn, came to Philadelphia and was the guest of J. L. Alliger, of No. 111 North Fifty-ninth street. He had told his wife that he would return home the following Wednesday. When he decided to go to Washington for a few days he wrote to Mrs. Smyth telling her to meet him in Philadelphia. The letter miscarried. Mrs. Smith stirred up the police departments of half a dozen cities. The theory was that the brush manufacturer had met with foul play. He carried considerable money.

Then Alliger was communicated with. He wired to Mrs. Smyth that her husband had gone to Washington. The wife came to Philadelphia and waited. She was indignant that she had not been informed of Smyth's change in plans.

Now the whole trouble is blamed upon the postal department.

MONEY ON CALL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Money on call steady at 5¼; mercantile paper, 6.

Exchanges, $203,552,721; balances, $7,268,899.

POLICE ACCUSED

"Graft" in Bail Bonds Charged

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Herman Froelich, the most notorious straw bondsman in this city, now a Tombs prisoner, is said to have informed the district attorney of a system by which high police officials have made fortunes on "fake" bail bonds.

Mystery is maintained in the district attorney's office concerning the information given by Froelich, but it is said that several sergeants implicated by Froelich, upon learning of his talk with District Attorney Jerome, hastened to the criminal courts building to make denials.

Froelich was arrested on Friday. Yesterday he sent word to Mr. Jerome that he wanted to talk with him, and for an hour they were together.

"I will not deny that information has been given to the office," said Mr. Jerome later in the day. "I will not tell the nature of it. At this time it is not a matter that can well be made public."

Later Deputy Police Commissioners Davis and Piper appeared in Mr. Jerome's office and the three went to luncheon.

Froelich, although arrested only last week, has been "wanted" since last May. The police of the East Fifth street station have been particularly anxious to locate him, for the desk sergeant there accepted many of his "fake" bonds.

The prisoner was always in demand as a bondsman when legitimate bail could not be furnished, and for a fee, it is charged, was willing to sign bail for anybody whom the police recommended.

It has been found that a piece of property the deed of which he put up in 117 cases for the release of prisoners was not owned by him at all. This property, No. 2050 Washington avenue, is really owned by Mary McKenna, who bought it from Froelich before he had put it up for the first time as bail security.

He was a fugitive from justice on another charge, having ignored a special sessions court bench warrant last spring.

Inspector Cortright, when informed of Froelich's alleged confession, was greatly interested and asked the names of the captains and sergeants supposed to have been mentioned. District Attorney Jerome will investigate the charges thoroughly, and if Froelich can be corroborated charges will be made to Commissioner Greene.

RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS

DO NOT REGARD RUSSIAN-JAPANESE AFFAIR SO FAVORABLY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—The reticence of the foreign office here has increased since the despatch of the reply of Russian to Japan, and the officials decline to confirm or deny reports of the character of the reply printed abroad. The feeling in diplomatic circles today is not quite so optimistic as it has been. It has been said the unfavorable impression apparently created on the Japanese government by the reply is due to Russia's unwillingness to place the settlement of the Corean and Manchurian questions on the same footing. Russia desires to cover only the former with the treaty, leaving the latter on a sort of understanding, the exact character of which is not determined upon. Further negotiations will be necessary if Japan insists, with the alternative of their entire suspension. If the negotiations are broken off it will not necessarily mean eventualities.

THE McKAY WILL

NO ACTION TAKEN BY PROBATE COURT.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The probate court of Suffolk county was to admit to probate today the will of the late millionaire inventor, Gordon McKay, of Newport, had no opposition been manifested, but as appearances were entered in behalf of two remonstrants, no action was taken. A hearing will be given to the interested parties at a date not yet assigned. The remonstrants to the will which bequeathes several millions to Harvard university, are Nellie S. Abbott of Concord, N. H., a cousin of the deceased, and Mrs. Harriet Foster, a sister of Miss Abbott, and also a resident of Concord.

Both remonstrants were represented by attorneys in court today. Formal objections were filed. The court announced that a hearing would be given at some time agreeable to all interested parties.

STEALING A RIDE

HERBERT PUFFER WAS FATALLY INJURED.

BLACKSTONE, Mass., Dec. 17—Herbert Puffer of Lexington, Mass., was found at about noon today lying on a side track at Blackstone Junction with an arm and a leg crushed, and the other arm broken, but still conscious. He was carried to a Woonsocket hospital, where his injuries were pronounced fatal. He fell from a freight train while stealing a ride. A sister, Mrs Hughes, lives in Bedford, Mass.

GIRL ESCAPED

BUT HER RESCUER WAS KILLED BY ELECTRIC CAR.

BERLIN, Dec. 17—Miss Von Rheinbaben, daughter of the finance minister, Baron von Rheinbaben, had a narrow escape from serious injury or death today. She fell between two electric cars, but an English naval constructor, Henry Davidson of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, rushed to her assistance and in pulling Miss Von Rheinbaben out of danger was killed by one of the cars. Miss Von Rheinbaben was uninjured.

THE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The stock market opened steady. Amalgamated Copper, 43¾; Atchison, 68¼; Baltimore and Ohio, 70; Brooklyn Transit, 51¾; Erie, 28⅞; M. O. P., 93 3-8; Pennsylvania, 117⅛; Reading, 44¾; Rock Island, 25¾; Sugar, 124 to 124½; St. Paul, 142¾; Southern Pacific, 48¼; Southern Railway, 21; Union Pacific, 78⅞; U. S. Steel 10⅝; do pfd. 53¾.

IRELAND'S ARMY

Great Britain Has Made Concession

LONDON, Dec. 17—Political conditions and religious feuds have hitherto induced the British government not to allow the extension to Ireland of the volunteer system, which has for many years been established in England and Scotland.

The matter has been often agitated in the press and in parliament, but although the militia has been enrolled for a long time and, like the Irish regulars, proved among the bravest and most valuable of Great Britain's troops, successive governments at London would not sanction a home defence force for Ireland.

The papers this morning state that the introduction of the system to Ireland has been decided upon. Twenty-six battalions will be raised in various parts of the country. Their formation will be provided for in the forthcoming program of army reform prepared by Mr. Arnold-Forster, secretary of state for war.

The last volunteer force in Ireland was raised by the great landowners more than a hundred years ago, when there were fears of a French invasion. The British government did not support the movement, and the viceroy of Ireland was greatly dismayed, although all the volunteers were Protestants.

The present sanction can be traced to the splendid services of the Irish regiments in South Africa and the improved political relations.

"TOO MUCH GIRL"

JURY IN MABEL PARKER CASE COULD NOT AGREE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mabel Parker, the "forger queen," expected to have been acquitted, but after deliberating for nearly four hours the 12 men filed into Judge Cowing's court and announced that they could not agree. Eight ballots were taken by the jury. On the last ballot seven jurors voted for acquittal and five for conviction.

Mr. Jerome was notified that no verdict had been reached, and he said that he would call Mabel Parker to trial again in a short time. He said he thought there had been "too much girl" in this trial.

The courtroom was crowded when the case went to the jury. There were many stylishly gowned women in the courtroom who wanted to get a good look at Mabel Parker. She appeared to be somewhat nervous when she heard Mr. Train tell the jury that she was a "clever, witty forger, who ought to be convicted," and she expressed disappointment at the verdict.

NO DETECTIVES

WERE ON THE NEW YORK EXPRESS.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The night express over the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, leaving New Haven at 1.05 a. m., and due in this city at 6.15, arrived practically on time today. The force of detectives, reported to have been on board, armed with rifles and pistols, for the protection of the Adams Express car, was not in evidence.

Inquiry at the railroad offices here elicited the information that the railroad company is not anticipating a hold-up of its Adams Express trains. It was explained that no unusual measures had been adopted. It was added that it is yearly a custom of the company during the holiday season, to protect its Adams Express trains. It was pointed out that the express company annually carries at this time much valuable merchandise and that any measures now being employed are in line with precautionary measures in vogue every year. The presence of detectives, it is stated, is not confined to any particular trains.

RAILROAD SOLD

THEN A NEW CORPORATION WAS FORMED.

CALAIS, Maine, Dec. 17.—The Washington county railroad was sold at public auction today to F. W. Whittredge of New York, president of the Washington County Railroad Co., for $2,300,000, the upset price fixed by the United States circuit court.

After the sale, a new corporation was organized to be known as the Washington County Railway Co. The business will be continued practically under the same management.

Hon. Charles F. Libby of Portland, who was made special master by the decree of Judge Putnam of the United States circuit court at Portland July 6, 1903, conducted the sale. According to his decree, Judge Putnam found that material allegations of the complaint of the Central Trust Co., of the New York in the foreclosure proceedings against the railroad were due and ordered that the road pay on or before Nov. 14th last the sum of $731,414, the amount of the interest on the bonds with accrued interest. Failing to pay this amount, it was ordered the road be sold by the special master at public auction at Calais to the highest bidder, the upset price being fixed at $2,300,000.

THE STATE GRANGE.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17—The New Hampshire state grange closed a three days' session today, hearing reports from standing committees, adopting resolutions and installing officers.

Among the recommendations of the grange are: The erection of a new creamery building and a girl's dormitory, and the establishment of domestic science at the agricultural college; the investigation of the subject of railroad taxation to see whether the present method of its distribution shall be changed at the next session of the legislature; indorsing the movement to secure a national forest reserve in the White mountains; favoring good roads and the extension of electric railways; recommending additional appropriations for rural schools.

A memorial service for members deceased during the year and the installation of the newly elected officers closed the session's program.

Cold, Headache, Catarrh, relieved in 10 minutes.—Rev. W. H. Main, pastor of the Baptist Emmanuel church, Buffalo, gives strong testimony for and is a firm believer in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. "He has tried many kinds of remedies without avail. After using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I was benefited at once," are his words. It is a wonderful remedy. One application relieves headache and cold. Sold by Falls & Burkinshaw.—13.

PRESIDENT SIGNED CUBAN BILL

WASHINGTON, DEC. 17.—THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE CUBAN RECIPROCITY BILL A FEW MINUTES BEFORE ONE O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON.

SPECIAL JURY

TO HEAR CHARGES AGAINST BERLIN BANKER.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17—In the United States district court this noon Judge Edgar Aldrich presiding, a special grand jury was empanelled to hear the charges against Albert H. Eastman, the Berlin banker who was arrested on Wednesday at Woodsville charged with making false entries on the books of the Berlin National bank.

The grand jury panel is as follows: Amos C. Chase of Kingston, foreman; A. B. Stimson, Concord; Harrie E. Waite, Lebanon; Josiah E. Fernald, Concord; Alonzo Elliott, Manchester; Charles B. Spofford, Claremont; John S. Shepard, Franklin; Charles H. Brackett, Greenland; David Urch, Portsmouth; Arthur T. Cuse, Tilton; Warren C. Cox, Bristol; Elisha P. Hicks, Colebrook; Andy Holt, Lyndeborough; L. D. Clement, North Ware; J. E. Hopkins, Walter L. Jenks, Benjamin S. Rolfe, Henry C. Brown, Concord.

After the jury had been sworn and brief instructions as to their duties given them by Judge Aldrich, a recess was taken for dinner.

This afternoon the presentation of testimony was begun by District Attorney Charles J. Hamblett. A large number of witnesses, principally from the northern part of this state, are here in readiness to give their evidence.

The grand jury is made up for the most part of men prominent in the business life of the state, Messrs. Fernald, Cass and Elliott, being leading bankers.

ACCUSED BY WIFE

SAYS HER HUSBAND IS A TORTURER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Dorothy E. Lewis, who is suing Harry L. Lewis of No. 274 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, for separation, alimony and the custody of their 10-year-old son, alleges extreme cruelty, beginning immediately after their marriage in North Dakota in 1892.

She was but 18 when she married, and she alleges that her husband almost immediately began to terrify her with threats and kicks, often scratching her, pulling her hair and compelling her to sleep upon the floor. At the end of the first year of their married life she weighed but 96 pounds, her weight as a bride having been 128 pounds. She declares that she frequently contemplated suicide, but put aside her temptations for the sake of their little son.

WANTS HIS MONEY

ATTARIAN HAS DECLINED TRANSPORTATION OFFERED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17—The American vice consul at Alexandretta telegraphs that Attarian has declined the transportation tendered him by the authorities until the latter refund him the cash seized at the time of his arrest.

The sum of $250 was found on the person of Attarian at the time of his arrest.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

10.10 a. m.—Opening dealings in stocks in the stock market were only in moderate volume and there were few changes of importance. Brooklyn Transit rose nearly a point. Sugar opened slightly lower but rallied and fluctuated rather uncertainly on the enactment of the Cuban treaty.

11 a. m.—The market displayed the same characteristics as yesterday, namely ostentatious bidding up of leading specialties while the railroads were neglected. Consolidated Gas responded with a rise of 2 points and Amalgamated, Sugar and Brooklyn Transit 1. Selling of Penna and St. Paul affected the entire list and railroads declined below yesterday's closing. Penna reacted from 117 1-2 to 116 5-8 and the rise in Sugar and Brooklyn Transit was cancelled. The market hardened again before the end of the hour.

Noon—Prices sagged again on a very apathetic demand with some special pressure on the coalers. Lackawanna, however, advanced 2½ and Smelting pfd. a point. Metropolitan securities and Anaconda lost a point. Bonds were steady.

1 p. m.—United States Steel preferred's price crept up gradually until it had risen a point despite the heaviness of the list. Locomotive and General Electric gained a similar amount, and Consolidated Gas extended its rise to 4 points. The general market meanwhile was listless but sympathized slightly later when Sugar was put under pressure. That stock ran off a point below yesterday's final prices.

2 p. m.—Amalgamated, United States Steel pfd. and Brooklyn Transit, which had been conspicuously strong at various times fell back good fractions and the western stocks also became heavy. Changes were rather wider in the usually dormant stocks. North American for instance, losing 2½; New Jersey and Metropolitan Securities 2. About 2 o'clock United States Steel pfd. was bought in 1000 and 2000 share blocks and rose again to 54¾, with a steadying effect all around.

POSTMASTERS NAMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president today sent to the senate the following nominations for postmasters:

Massachusetts—Everett I. Nye, Wellfleet.

Rhode Island—William M. Gorham, Bristol; John A. Allen, Peacedale; Benjamin B. Martin, Warren.

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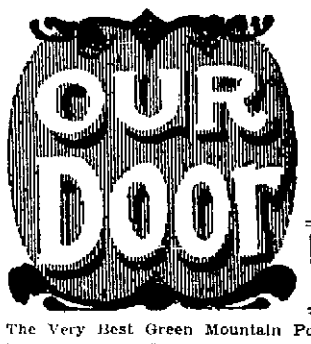

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1 can Poultry Seasoning	5c
1 can Powdered Sage	5c
1 can Thyme or Majoram	5c
Celery Salt	5c Bottle
Curry Powder	9c Bottle
Campbell's Salad Dressing	9c Bottle
1 can Plum Pudding	9c
Fancy Corsican Citron	14c lb.
Mixed Peel	14c lb.
Mixed Nuts	12c lb.
English Walnuts	13c lb.
Sweet Oranges	18c doz.
Seedless Lemons	15c doz.
3 lb. can Bartlett Pears	10c
25c can Asparagus (El Rio brand)	17c
2 lbs. Kennedy's Common Crackers	9c
2 lbs. Kennedy's Ginger Snaps	9c
Kennedy's Nic Nac Crackers	5c lb.
Kennedy's Soda Crackers	5c lb.
Kennedy's Lemon Crackers	5c lb.
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SCHWAB'S FIGURE

Was Accepted by Charles Steele

TESTIMONY IN SHIPBUILDING CO. HEARING

Pam and Schwab Interested Spectators

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The hearing on the application to make permanent the receivership of the United States Shipbuilding Co., was resumed here today. Charles Steele, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Co., being on the witness stand for a short examination as to the connection of that firm with the promotion of the shipbuilding company, and the sale to it of the Bethlehem Steel plant. At the hearing last week George W. Perkins, of the same firm, testified that Mr. Steele had had charge of this matter.

The hearing today was transferred from the offices of Guggenheimer, Untermyer and Marshall, where it had previously been held, to the New York board of trade and their rooms, on account of the frequent verbal passages between Counsel Guthrie and Untermeyer, Mr. Untermeyer objecting to Mr. Guthrie's intimations that he was subject to insult under Mr. Untermyer's roof. Max Pam and Charles M. Schwab were interested spectators.

Counsel Untermyer immediately began questioning Mr. Steele about the purchase and sale of the Bethlehem plant by J. P. Morgan & Co., as syndicate managers for the United States Steel Corporation; and the agreements between C. M. Schwab and Robert P. Linderman, of the Bethlehem plant, and J. P. Morgan & Co., for the purchase of the Bethlehem plant in 1901 were produced and admitted in evidence.

The purchase of the Bethlehem plant by J. P. Morgan & Co., as syndicate managers, was arranged by Mr. Schwab and Morgan & Co., in June, 1901, Mr. Schwab assigning to the steel syndicate a contract which he had for the purchase of a control of the Bethlehem stock. Mr. Steele said the purchase was made in order that the steel corporation might be able to control the disposal of the Bethlehem plant, its permanent ownership being considered disadvantageous to the steel corporation and the desire being to re-sell it to owners favorable to the steel company, though no special purchaser was in view at this time. Mr. Steele, though a director of the steel corporation, professed himself ignorant of the competitive or non-competitive status of Bethlehem and Carnegie armor plate plants, the latter of which was owned by the steel syndicate.

The circumstances and details of the purchase of the Bethlehem stock by Morgan & Co., were gone into at great length, Mr. Steele testifying that he had accepted Mr. Schwab's opinion of the value of the plant and had taken the contract for the purchase of the stock at the price Schwab had agreed to pay the original owners, the understanding being that Schwab should share any profits at the resale of the plant. During this inquiry, one of the interchanges of personalities, so frequent at the hearings, between Messrs. Guthrie and Untermyer, took place.

CLEARING HOUSE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Clearing house statement. Exchanges $21,963,310; balances, $1,778,530.

SENATOR HOAR

Stands for the Isthmian Canal

WANTS NO SUSPICION CAST AGAINST NATION.

Sen. Gorman Says Information Was Suppressed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—At the beginning of today's session of the senate, Mr. McComas (Maryland) reported a bill from the committee on patents, providing for the protection of foreign exhibitors or artistic, musical and literary works at the St. Louis world's fair and at his request the bill was given immediate consideration and passed.

Mr. Hoar addressed the senate on his resolution calling upon the president for such information as may be in his possession relative to the status of the republic of Panama when the treaty with that country was negotiated. He said that no man in the country desired more eagerly than himself to support the administration and act with his party associates in the senate chamber. He was favorably disposed to the isthmian canal and moreover he was anxious that the construction of the canal should be accomplished in his life time and by the republican party. He was also desirous that the president of the United States should build the great water way. But, anxious as he was for the accomplishment of all these ends, he was even more anxious that the canal should be built without "taint or suspicion of national dishonor."

"What we want to know is," he said "did this government, knowing that a revolution was about to take place, so arrange matters that the revolution, whether peaceable or otherwise, should be permitted to go on without interruption, and whether our national authorities took measures to prevent Colombia from stopping it."

Mr. Gorman followed Mr. Hoar. He ridiculed the Panama revolution and claimed that the administration had suppressed information. He also denied some of the statements made by Mr. Loomis.

WITH GOLD PEN

SPEAKER CANNON SIGNED THE CUBAN TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—When the house convened today the speaker signed the bill carrying into effect the Cuban reciprocity treaty, using a gold pen provided by the Cuban minister.

MILL CLOSED

OPERATIVES DID NOT REPORT FOR WORK.

VALLEY FALLS, R. I., Dec. 17.—The cotton mill of the Nashuon company in this town is shut down today as the result of the entire force of operatives absenting themselves at opening time this morning. About 160 men are idle. The weavers of the company went out yesterday afternoon, claiming that the cuts of cloth had been lengthened 15 to 18 yards and the other operatives are out in sympathy with their fellow workmen.

JEWELRY STOLEN.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 17.—The residence of John C. Ashley of this city was broken into early today and a considerable quantity of silverware, jewelry and cutlery, together with two gold watches, were stolen. No clue to the identity of the housebreakers exists.

RUSSIA'S REPLY

Is Not Satisfactory to Japan

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—The conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito, and the cabinet ministers yesterday, resulted according to a semi-official statement, in a determination to oppose a strong front to Russia, in view of the latter's unsatisfactory reply to the Japanese proposals.

DRAFT NOT ACCEPTABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Associated Press is informed that an intimation has been received here in official quarters from Japan that the Russian draft of the proposed agreement is not acceptable in its present form and that further negotiations on important questions of principle will be necessary before a final settlement can be reached. Both the Japanese and British officials in London, however, maintain the views they expressed in these dispatches Dec. 14, that a distinct step toward peace has been made and they remain optimistic in regard to an ultimate pacific settlement.

A FINAL ATTEMPT.

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—Another report says that it is understood that although the Russian reply was considered highly unsatisfactory, the conference of Japanese statesmen has decided to make another and probably last attempt to arrive at a friendly settlement.

The situation is considered grave. Even the most sober section of the Japanese press declares it is high time for action.

RUNAWAY GIRLS

TWO OF THEM FOUND HALF FROZEN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Catherine Delaney, aged 13, and Eugenia Silleck, fifteen, two Peekskill girls, whose parents are in comfortable circumstances, ran away from their homes on Tuesday afternoon and made their way to Yonkers, having conceived a dislike for the monotony of school life. They had just enough money to pay for one night's lodging in a cheap hotel. Yesterday they wandered half frozen about the streets. It was piercing cold and the realization that they were two lonely little girls, far from home, forced itself upon them and dispelled the glamour with which they had viewed runaway life. They were glad when a policeman spoke to them, and tearfully confessed that they were truants. Their parents were telegraphed for and the y were taken back to Peekskill.

CRANE AND LODGE

WERE GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt entertained at luncheon today former Governor W. Murray Crane and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Secretaries Root and Cortelyou. The fact that Gov. Crane was at the luncheon in addition to being an invited guest to the president's cabinet dinner tonight, induced considerable comment. It has been known for many months that it is the desire of the president that Gov. Crane should be identified in some definite capacity with the presidential campaign next year. Indeed, it has been suggested that he might be the chairman of the republican national committee in the event of Senator Hanna's refusal to again accept the place. It can be said, however, that that particular subject was not discussed at the luncheon today. Mr. Hanna has been requested by the president to retain the position of national chairman, and unless he shall have determined definitely whether or not he will accept the chairmanship, no move regarding the matter will be made. In any event, it is understood Gov. Crane will fill an important place in the campaign management next year. Today's luncheon party discussed political affairs informally but assurance is given that beyond that the conference was of no general significance.

TWO REPORTS

WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE WOOD CASE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate committee on military affairs met today and decided to postpone action on the case of Gen. Leonard Wood until January 4. It is planned to go over the entire testimony that was introduced in the investigation of charges and give time for the preparation of the majority and minority reports which will be made. The majority report, it is expected, will be an endorsement of Gen. Wood's military and civil record in Cuba.

GENERAL DENIAL

WAS MADE BY RECEIVER PEPPER.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—A denial of the charges made by Receiver Pepper of the Bay State Gas company of Delaware, against Henry H. Rogers of New York, well known capitalist, was filed today in the supreme judicial court of the commonwealth. Mr. Rogers is one of the defendants in the litigation instituted by Receiver Pepper against the Boston Gas Light Co., et. al. He denies substantially all the allegations in the plaintiff's bill and does not waive his demurrer.

CAPT. PHILLIPS

IS CHARGED WITH RECEIVING DOUBLE PAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Charges of duplicating his pay accounts and receiving double pay for the months of October and November were today preferred against Capt. John W. L. Phillips, 27th United States Infantry, by Col. Francis D. Dodge, chief paymaster of the department of the east.

Col. Dodge has forwarded the papers in the case to the paymaster general at Washington for further action.

GENERAL WALLACE ILL.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 17.—Gen. Lew Wallace is in New York under the care of an eminent specialist. He is taking the X-ray treatment for a cancerous condition of the nose, and if this treatment is not successful, may submit to an operation.

GIRL IS DEAD

Head Jolted by Lurch of Train

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Miss Mary Lynch, twenty-two years old and pretty, died yesterday at her home at West Farms road and Forest avenue, Westchester, in agony, from an unusual and apparently trivial accident that occurred three weeks ago.

The girl and her mother were returning home from the theatre on a train on the Harlem River branch of the New Haven railroad. Miss Lynch was resting her head on the back of her seat when the train gave a sudden lurch. The jolt caused her head to be jerked back a little and then suddenly forward, but she said it hurt her only for a moment.

"There was a strange pain in the back of my neck for a minute," she said to her mother, "but I feel all right now."

She recovered so quickly that Mrs. Lynch, when asked for her name and address, said she would not make any complaint.

A week later Miss Lynch suddenly developed spinal meningitis. Specialists were called in, but they could not save her.

The strange death of the girl is puzzling physicians and specialists. They say only an autopsy would show what brought on spinal meningitis.

Dr. J. D. Dunn, of Fordham hospital, who was called in consultation with Dr. Pound, of Westchester, said last night:

"I regard her death as rather strange, because a person of the age of Miss Lynch seldom dies from spinal meningitis."

Three weeks ago Miss Lynch was one of the most robust girls in Westchester. When she was suddenly taken ill it was thought she had malarial fever. She complained of intense pains in her head and for nearly three days before her death she was unconscious.

STABBED HAZER

WESLEYAN FRESHMAN SHOT AT ANOTHER.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 17.—In a desperate fight against hazers, Frank D. Taylor, a Wesleyan freshman and right tackle of the 'Varsity eleven, last night fired a blank cartridge in the face of a sophomore and stabbed Howard M. Richard, a senior. Richard's eye narrowly escaped being gouged out and he was brought home here today.

Taylor weighs 185 pounds. He was selected for a hazing discipline. He fired his pistol so close to an invader at the window as to blacken his hat and then hacked right and left in the crowd with a screwdriver. One blow pinned Richard's hat to his forehead.

The frenzied young giant was finally disarmed.

WON FIRST PRIZE.

At the whist party last evening, which was held at the residence of Mr. J. A. Coram, the first gentleman's prize, a silk umbrella, was won by Mr. Thomas P. Boulger, and the first ladies' prize, a silver vase, was awarded to Mrs. Boulger. It seems from this that Mr. and Mrs. Boulger are not only fine vocalists but extremely clever whist players.

UNIVERSITY CLOSED

BECAUSE OF DEATH OF PRESIDENT'S WIFE.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 17.—Mrs. James B. Angell, wife of the president of the University of Michigan, died at her residence here today of pneumonia. The university was closed today as a mark of respect for her memory and the president's bereavement and will not be reopened until after the holidays. Mrs. Angell, who was born in Providence, R. I., was the daughter of Alexis Caswell, once president of Brown university, and had spent her whole life in college work. She was married to President Angell in 1845. Mrs. Angell presided over the American legation at Pekin, China, while Mr. Angell was United States minister to that country. She was also a prominent member of the woman's board of the world's fair at Chicago. Mrs. Angell is survived by three children, Prof. James D. Angell of Chicago University, Mrs. A. C. McLaughlin of Washington and Alexis C. Angell, of Detroit.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton spot closed quiet, 25 points higher. Middling uplands, 12.70; middling gulf, 12.95; sales, 1,025 bales.

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Ellen Walsh of Lowell, in said county, that she was lawfully married to Dennis Walsh, now of parts unknown, at Boston, in said commonwealth, on the twenty-fifth day of October, A. D. 1887, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Dennis Walsh lived together as husband and wife in this commonwealth, to wit, at said Boston and at said Lowell; that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said Dennis Walsh being wholly regardless of the same, at said Lowell on or about the twenty-second day of October, A. D., 1882, utterly deserted your libellant and has continued such desertion from said date to the date of the filing of this libel, being more than three years next prior to the filing hereof.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Dennis Walsh.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of October, A. D. 1903.

her
ELLEN X WALSH.
mark

Witness to mark, A. B. Tolman.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, November 27, A. D. 1903.

Upon the libel aforesaid it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our justices of said court, at Cambridge, in said county, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the last known residence of the libellee, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest, THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

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Chas. W. Taylor, M. D., graduate of Harvard Medical School, later of Eye and Ear Infirmary of Boston, late medical examiner of Massachusetts Medical Society, late physician and surgeon of Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, and at present physician and surgeon of Lowell Eye and Ear Infirmary.

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Christmas Hints

With Prices Much Lower Than Where You Get

TRADING STAMPS

We have the newest patterns and latest importations in Holiday Goods ever seen. Fashion dictates that Roman Horn, Brazilian Redwood and Old Ivory are the leaders this year.

OUR RANGE OF PRICES ARE

Comb and Brush Sets.....69c to $2.35
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Work Boxes for misses.....93c to 65c
Mirrors.....29c to $2.75
Ward's Writing Paper.....19c to $1.45

Inkstands, Boys' Coin Purses, Misses' and Ladies' Purses, Collar, Cuff, Necktie, Glove, Handkerchief and Photograph Boxes all within your purse.

Perfumes, Atomizers and Sprinklers are always acceptable to the ladies.

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Blue Trading Stamps, Green Trading Stamps, Blue Discount Stamps, or Red, White and Blue Stamps Given on all Purchases.

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50 stamps with 1 lb. 50c Baking Powder.
30 stamps with 1 lb. 50c Tea.
10 stamps with 1 lb. 20c Coffee.
5 stamps with 1 lb. 16c Butterine.
5 stamps with 1 pkg. 14c Force.
5 stamps with 1 pkg. Cero Fruto.
3 stamps with 1 pkg. 10c Presto.

Best Roast Pork.....9c a lb.
Best Standard Tomatoes.....3 cans 25c.
Challenge Milk.....3 cans 25c.
Best canned Peas.....3 cans 25c.
Best canned Pears.....10c a can.
Best Corned Beef.....3c to 6c a lb.
Best Round Steak.....2 lbs. 25c
Best Ramp Butts.....11c a lb.
Best Sirloin Steak.....12½c to 70c a lb.

BEST GLOBE BUTTERINE.

Good color; single pounds 15c; tubs from 11c a lb. up.

EVERY HORSE KNOWS HIS OATS—

that's one thing you can't fool him on. After he has once munched the well cleaned, sound and appetizing sort we supply he will accept any other only with reluctance. Our grain and fe. for live stock of all kinds are well and favorably known—this only to spread the good word still further.

PAUL VIGEANT & CO.

241-245 MOODY STREET
TELEPHONE 393-2

SPECIAL NOTICES

GORDON & BERGERON, dealers in jewelry, watches and diamonds on instalments, have opened an office at 44 Central street.

DOLLS—You will want one soon; we have a nice display; come in and get one; also double stamps given; prices low. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack St.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Drug clerk with three or four years experience. Address Drugs, Sun office.

FREE—Six pink China cups and saucers. Sell fifteen 10c packets perfume. J. Donald, box 343 Lowell.

WANTED—A first class collector; state experience, age and salary expected. Address box 20, Sun office.

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THREE GOOD HUSTLERS wanted; must be ambitious men; who will work for promotion; experience not necessary; salary and commission; come at once. Apply 13 Merrimack square, room 1.

WANTED—A girl 16 or 17 or middle-aged woman to assist in housework and care of children. Mrs. Snow, Tolman avenue, second house on left.

WANTED—Protestant girl for general housework. Apply to 223 Stevens street, just off Westford street.

FREE—Six handsomely decorated tea cups and saucers, also beautifully dressed dolls and watches, etc., for selling only 15 10c packages of perfumery. Lowell Perfume Co., box 904, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—At once, an experienced girl for housework in small family. Apply at 167 Sixth street, corner of Vernon.

WANTED—A cook for boarding house. Apply 312 Market street.

WANTED—1000 boys and girls to sell 20 waxing pads at 10c a package and receive a pair of club skates free of charge. Send name and address to Laundry Specialty Co., 38 Proctor street, South Framingham, Mass.

WANTED—A housekeeper, very little work. Apply Mr. Wilson, 37 Court street, Ayer City.

WANTED—Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 712 Suffolk street.

WANTED—Men everywhere; good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs etc.; no canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

WANTED

YOUNG MEN to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by board of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 34 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

WANTED—To borrow $300 on personal property, good security, at reasonable rate; no brokers. Address D. 3, Sun office.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 469, Lowell, Mass.

DRESSMAKER would like a few engagements by day or week or would take work home. Call between 7.30 and 9 p. m. 161 Warren street.

WANTED—Washing and ironing; first class work done by colored woman; taken home. Call at 104 Washington street.

YOUNG LADIES to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by boards of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 35 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

WANTED—Sewing or repairing of all kinds; will go out by the day. Call or address 41 Cedar street.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—On Fletcher street, somewhere between the Middlesex street depot and Bowers street, a silver chain belt with heavy ornaments. The finder will be suitably rewarded on leaving the same at 452 Fletcher street.

FOUND—A pocketbook containing small sum of money. Owner can have by calling at 211 Church street.

LOST—Wednesday noon between 10th street and 144 Merrimack street, a German silver chatelaine bag containing small sum of money. Reward at 8 West 11th street.

FOUND—Gold locket. Owner can have by proving property and paying advertisement at this office.

LOST—A grey fur glove between Central and Market streets. Return to T. Gray, 19 Tolman avenue, and receive reward.

LOST—A side bag containing money, keys and other articles. Return to Sun office and receive reward.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Double house on Elm street, must go; terms easy. Call at once at 9 Elm street or lose it.

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 3500 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter street. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 241 Central street.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Position by experienced stenographer; also knowledge of single entry. Address S., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation in private family or with doctor; will work reasonable for the winter. S. E. W., Sun office.

WANTED—By a young man, position as clerk in an office, with chance of advancement. Address Perseverance, Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by respectable young lady at housework in small family. Address A. R. A., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

WANTED—Situation at general housework in boarding house or for private family by capable and experienced young woman. Inquire Sun office.

The Washington Savings Institution

DEPOSITS

$1,200,000.00

265 Central Street
Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—New range, open grate, chamber set, also other new furniture, cheap. 161 Warren street.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 438 Riverside street. Telephone 452-2.

FOR SALE—A lady wishes to sell some new silverware. Address C. J., Sun office.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Furnished boarding house full of boarders. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutter, 694 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business; a good investment, ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 60 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

$5 GIVEN AWAY—$5 worth of trading stamps given away with 1 lb. of our best Baking Powder at 50c; $5 worth with one pound of any kind of our 50c or 60c Tea; $2 worth with one pound of our famous 35c Coffee; this tea and coffee is worthy of attention; they are the best ever offered for the money. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., 337 Thorndike street, Davis square.

WHITE SEWING MACHINES, 476 Bridge St.—The Automatic drop machine is King; it is a real eyeopener; we sell the Queen also; we repair all kinds of sewing machines; give us a call.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 30 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Rudy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything is the latest.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

W. S. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 71 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 2 to 10 p. m.

MRS. FLETCHER, 769 Gorham street, trance business medium and card reader.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack Woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.50; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padien at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1054 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and second hand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1123 Bridge street. Telephone.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hansen, Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT YOUR mattresses made over at your home call at 840 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year. Repairing a specialty. 201 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief, powerful combination; used by 200,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOTHERS—Bent's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Bills & Burkinshaw's, 415 Middlesex street.

BUSINESS CHANCES

GREAT opportunity offered; $1000 for $150, $100 for $15. For particulars write American Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A Stein, 343 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office, (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants, and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Harristers hall.

TO LET

TO LET—Furnished room, private family, no other roomers. 15 Elm street.

TO LET—At 108 Butterfield street, furnished room with steam heat, bath and gas; lady preferred. Inquire at 106 Butterfield street.

TO LET—Small tenement on Hildreth street. Apply at Pike's market, Middlesex and Howard streets.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 961 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 634 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 355 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 16 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 942 Middlesex St.

TO LET—Stable. Inquire 56 Franklin street.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET—5, 6, 7-room tenements in good repair. 104 Lawrence street.

You can't expect to weave white satin with blackened hands, any more than you can expect good results from papers with a bogus circulation.

GOV. TAFT

And Friars Reached an Agreement

ROME, Dec. 18.—Full particulars concerning the agreement reached Wednesday between Gov. Taft and the friars providing for the settlement of the friar land question in the Philippines, have not yet been received by the vatican authorities, only a mere announcement that such an agreement had been reached having been cabled from Manila. The news was brought to the pope and he seemed highly delighted, exclaiming "It is the best Christmas box I could have had."

The news was received with equal pleasure in the vatican circles.

In all quarters Gov. Taft and Archbishop Guidi are being warmly congratulated on their success in solving the most intricate of the questions entrusted to their diplomacy.

BUSHNELL BURIED

No Additional Defalcations Found

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18.—The officials of the Yale National bank announced last night they had found no additional evidence of defalcation on the part of Asa C. Bushnell, the cashier, who shot and killed himself Tuesday, and the amount remains practically $18,000.

The funeral of Mr. Bushnell was held last night at his late home, with Gen. E. S. Greeley, president of the bank, as master of ceremonies. Interment will be in Clinton today.

TEN CHINAMEN

LOST THEIR GUIDE AND WERE ARRESTED.

WHATCOM, Wash., Dec. 18.—Ten Chinese who had been deserted by their guide who piloted them across the boundary line into this country, were arrested yesterday as they made their way into this city in a famished and exhausted condition. They had spent Tuesday and Wednesday wandering around in the woods during a terrific downpour of rain. They will be ordered deported.

TORPEDO FLOTILLA

LEFT HAMPTON ROADS FOR KEY WEST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The second torpedo boat flotilla, consisting of the Truxton, Whipple, Worden, Lawrence and Stewart, left Hampton Roads yesterday under convoy of the battleship Texas, for Charleston, S. C., on their way to Key West, which will be their base of operations for the next few weeks.

DAVID SPRICE DEAD.

MAYWOOD, N. J., Dec. 18.—David Sprice, a distant relative of President Roosevelt, is dead at his home here, of apoplexy. He was a wealthy retired merchant and was 65 years old.

Constipation

Can be Cured

Don't Ruin Your System With Dangerous Drugs, Purgatives and Cathartics When a Safe, Sure and Simple Remedy is to be Had From Any Druggist.

If you are constipated you cannot be well—if you are not constipated there is little chance of your becoming sick.

Nature provides the bowels and kidneys to free the system from waste products which, if they remain in the body, become poisons and produce disease.

Poisons not carried away promptly through the bowels or kidneys are forced into the blood and thus injure every part of the system.

Iron-Ox Tablets cure constipation. They do not give temporary relief by dangerous cathartic or purgative action, but go straight to the cause of the trouble, and by securing bowel health and normal kidney and liver activity make constipation impossible.

Anything which shocks the sytem into activity is dangerous. Do not expect immediate perceptible effects from Iron-Ox Tablets. They produce a natural, regular building up of all the functions. This takes a little time, but success is absolutely certain.

Iron-Ox Tablets tone up the entire digestive system, causing perfect digestion, perfect assimilation, and a natural flow of fluids, so that purgatives and cathartics are unnecessary.

Fifty Iron-Ox Tablets in an attractive aluminum case, 25 cents at druggists, or from The Iron-Ox Remedy Co., Detroit, Mich., U. S. A.

It Takes a Dainty Cook to Make Better

CAKE or BREAD

—THAN—

HARRY RICHARDSON

28 MERRIMACK SQUARE.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Rescinds the Foul Strike Rule

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The magnates of the American Baseball league at their annual meeting here yesterday, rescinded the foul strike rule adpoted last year as an experiment, and declared in favor of a schedule of 154 games in order to meet the extension of the National league schedule.

The playing season will open April 15.

Another session was held this morning when several matters of importance were taken up for settlement.

The board of directors held a meeting last night and went through the formality of awarding the pennant to the Boston club.

TWO MORE DEATHS

FROM TYPHOID FEVER IN BUTLER, PA.

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 18.—Two deaths and four new cases form the typhoid fever record for the day as reported to the executive committee last evening. The contributions now received amount to over $30,000. A carload of canned goods and provisions were donated yesterday.

PLUMMER ELECTED

PRESIDENT OF DOMINION IRON AND STEEL COMPANY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—J. H. Plummer of Toronto was yesterday elected president of the Dominion Iron and Steel company. Hon. J. L. Forget retired from the vice-presidency. Graham Frazier, formerly general manager of the Nova Scotia Steel company succeeds him on the board, and has also been appointed director of the works.

CLASH THREATENED

BETWEEN CITY OFFICIALS AND U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—An order issued yesterday by Judge Grosscup in the United States district court, is likely to precipitate a clash between the city authorities and the federal court. The order of Judge Grosscup was given to the receivers of the Chicago Union Traction company, and granted permission for the construction of overhead trolley wires in Lincoln avenue and Blue Island avenue. Both the city council and the commissioners of public works had previously refused to grant a similar request.

DANCING PARTY

UNDER AUSPICES OF PI ETA CLUB.

The Pi Eta Social club conducted another of its popular series of social and dancing parties last evening in Prescott hall, and like unto all its precedessors the affair proved to be a brilliant function and gratifying success.

About 75 couples were in attendance and enjoyment reigned supreme throughout the evening.

Hibbard's orchestra furnished the music and a well arranged order of dances was carried out. Shortly after 10 o'clock the music ceased and light refreshments were served.

Dancing continued until midnight.

The affair was officered by the following: Walter King, general manager; Peter Perrault, floor director; with William Crowley, Eugene Queenan, John Golden and George Tengue as aids.

ADMIRAL EVANS

TO SAIL FOR THE PHILIPPINES AFTER CHRISTMAS.

HONOLULU, Dec. 18.—Rear Admiral Evans received orders yesterday to have the Asiatic squadron, which arrived here Wednesday, in readiness to sail for Cavite after Christmas. Coaling has begun.

CRUSADE STARTED

AGAINST ALLEGED PERJURY IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A crusade against alleged wholesale perjury in bankruptcy proceedings was inaugurated yesterday by the federal authorities with the indictment and arrest of four alleged perjurers. They are Leon Wechsler, formerly a manufacturer of clothing; Kassel Oshinsky, real estate dealer; David Levy and David Lachman. The latter two were formerly associated together in the cotton goods business at 25 East Fourth street, but were thrown into involuntary bankruptcy by creditors in October.

The four men were arraigned before Judge Thomas on charges of perjury. All pleaded not guilty and were released on bonds.

POLO RESULTS.

At Salem—Salem 11, Lynn 4.
At Stoneham—Lawrence 7, Stoneham 6.

FOUR MEN KILLED

As a Result of Dynamite Explosion

DUBOIS, Pa., Dec. 18.—Four Italians were killed and two probably fatally injured by a dynamite explosion at Cramer, 10 miles from here, yesterday. The men were working on grading work for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg road and were blasting. Their dynamite was frozen and when they attempted to thaw it the explosion followed, shaking the ground and buildings for nearly a mile.

Purses for men and women. Lawler's.

REV. DR. BAKER DEAD.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Rev. George D. Baker, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church and one of the best known Presbyterian divines in the country, died suddenly here yesterday. Dr. Baker was 64 years of age and was president of the board of directors of the Princeton Theological seminary. He was a graduate of the seminary and held charges in different parts of the country.

Chapped Lips, Face and Hands

Instantly Cured by

Hood's Lotion

All Druggists. 35 cents.
C. I. Hood Co., Lowell.

Wall Paper

—AT—

97 Appleton Street

GEO. E. METCALF & CO.

FIRE INSURANCE

159 Middlesex St.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

DR. FITZHUGH HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

AMESBURY, Dec. 18.—The forward car of a Boston & Maine passenger train was derailed at Salisbury Point crossing yesterday noon by a collision with a team driven by Dr. F. A. Fitzhugh. Dr. Fitzhugh was thrown a distance of 40 feet, but is said to have escaped without serious injury, although he was severely shaken up.

Dr. Fitzhugh was attempting to cross the tracks of the Amesbury branch of the railroad. The horse went under the wheels of the locomotive and was cut into many pieces. The carriage was wrecked.

The baggage car was derailed, but fortunately did not go down the 25-foot bank.

None of the passengers was severely hurt, although a number sustained bruises and were badly shaken up.

The accident happened at the Rocky Hill crossing, about a mile and a half from the business center. Crossing Tender Alfred H. Greene declined to make a statement further than that he held up both hands when the doctor was near the crossing and supposed the doctor would not attempt to drive in front of the rapidly approaching train. When he discovered that the doctor intended to cross, it was too late to prevent the accident. The doctor was unconscious when removed from the ditch.

E. A. Mitchell of Lynn, a passenger upon the train, states that the force of the collision was so great that it threw the passengers in the combination baggage car, where he was riding, from their seats. The train traveled some 200 feet after the car left the rails.

Chesley's Military Orchestra of Wakefield at the Armory tonight.

Another in the series of ladies' nights will be held in the rooms of the popular Mathew Temperance Institute this evening. Extensive preparations have been made for the entertainment of the fair sex and a large crowd will doubtless be on hand.

Dec. 18th and 19th The Zepher Drug Co. Are Going to Give Away 1000 Full Sized Bottles Absolutely Free of

, Crest-All (no-cold-no-cough) the newest, latest and most scientific production of the age for the cure of catarrh and all throat troubles. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass., sole proprietors. Crest-All (no-cold-no-cough) is not a patent medicine, contains no morphine, quinine, aconite or any poisonous drugs; but it is purely a vegetable compound.

DOUBLE GREEN TRADING STAMPS

GIVEN SATURDAY MORNING UNTIL 12 O'CLOCK

Our enlarged store is filled to overflowing with Holiday Goods. For fine goods in Watches, Diamonds, Silverware, Cut Glass, etc., we are headquarters.

New Goods, Low Prices, Quick Service

Come before the Holiday rush. Remember Saturday forenoon we give Double Discount Stamps.

GEO. H. WOOD, Leading Jeweler

137-151 CENTRAL STREET

"OPERATOR OF TEN STORES"

"Christmas comes but once a year
Give useful presents to make good cheer."

Our "Cheerful Credit Plan" PAVES THE ROAD TO CHRISTMAS JOY!

THOUSANDS are enabled to indulge their desire to give practical and useful gifts by reason of our "No-Money-Down Cheerful Charge Privilege." Our Holiday Stocks are ready—complete lines of Xmas wearing apparel for Man, Woman and Child fill every department — never before were we better prepared for the gift-giving season—never before were prices more attractive.

Furs for Xmas

Suggestions of extremely dainty and acceptable gifts pleasingly priced.

$8.00 Fur Scarfs at **5.98**
$10.00 Fur Scarfs at **6.98**
$12.00 Fur Scarfs at **8.98**
$9.00 Fur Scarfs at **6.98**
$12.00 Fur Muffs at **8.98**
$4.50 Children's Fur Sets at **2.48**
$5.00 Children's Fur Sets at **3.48**
$8.00 Children's Fur Sets at **5.48**

Xmas Sale of Women's Attire

Ladies' $18.00 "Mannish Cloth" Suits Reduced to..... **12.75**
Ladies' $15.00 Novelty Mixture Suits Reduced to..... **10.75**
Ladies' $20.00 Cheviot Suits Reduced to..... **14.75**
Stylish outer garments of real merit for women, Priced at **10.98 to 35**
Ladies' Waists for Xmas at **1.98 to 16.75**
Ladies' Trimmed Hats for Xmas at **2.98 to 18.75**
Children's outer garments unlimited variety at **5.98 to 14.75**

Christmas Sale of Reliable Watches:

If you are looking for a special price on a guaranteed timepiece for a Christmas gift, you can do no better than to select from the stock we have specially arranged for this Xmas season.

Ladies' Watches at 18.75
Chatelaine size, gold filled, guaranteed 20 years, hand eng. H. C. and nickle move.

Ladies' Watches at 22.00
Gold filled H. C. or O. F., guaranteed 20 yrs., hand engr. or engine turned, perfect timekeeper, Elgin or Waltham move.

Men's Watches at 12.75
O. F. gold filled and guaranteed 20 years, engraved or engine turned case, excellent timekeeper, real value $18.

Men's Watches at 30.00
Hand engr. or engine turned, H. C. or O. F., guaranteed 20 yrs., double sunk dial, 15 ruby jewels in gold setting.

Ladies' Chain Watch Guards at 3.00 to 7.75
Newest novelties, solid gold slides, studded with genuine stones.

Ladies' Watches at 30.00
14 kt. solid gold, beautiful engraved case, guaranteed Elgin or Waltham move.

Men's Watches at 23.00
Hand engr. or engine turned, H. C. thin model, gold filled, guaranteed 20 yrs, Waltham move.

Men's Watch Chains at 3.00 to 7.50
Single and double vest chains gold filled and warranted 20 yrs., elegant selection.

Brilliant Xmas Assortment of Rings for Man, Woman and Child

Ladies' Rings at **3.50**
Solid gold, cluster setting, genuine turquoise centre surrounded with pearls.

Ladies' Rings at **6.50**
Solid gold, cluster of three large rubies with four beautiful pearls.

Ladies' Rings at **13.50**
Solid gold, set with three large beautiful Hungarian opals.

Men's Rings at **7.00**
Solid gold, "Signet" style. Engraved free.

Ladies' Rings at **4.50**
Solid gold cluster setting of six emeralds and five pearls.

Ladies' Rings at **10.00**
Solid gold, cluster of genuine turquoise surrounded by 12 pearls.

Men's Rings at **2.50**
Guaranteed gold filled setting, choice of brilliants, rubies or emeralds.

Men's Rings at **9.00**
Solid gold setting with large carbuncle ruby.

GENUINE DIAMONDS

Large assortment of genuine diamond rings, pins, lockets, etc., at pleasing prices.

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The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

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BRYAN IN EUROPE.

The lion of Europe today is our much respected American citizen, William Jennings Bryan. After all the mud that has been thrown at Bryan he comes through triumphant, rising above the abuse of small men, and standing forth before the critical people of Europe as one of the foremost Americans of his time. Men may differ as to Bryan's theories of government, yet all are now ready to admit that he is one of the highest types of American citizenship. An honest, able and patriotic American, he loves his country and its people, and has frequently given proof of this by setting aside temptations that would elevate him above the possibility of want if he would but accept retainers from the enemies of the toiling masses. Bryan may never again be a candidate for the presidency; indeed we do not think it likely that he would be considered in a democratic convention today, but he is nevertheless one of the greatest democrats since Thomas Jefferson and one of the most pure minded men that ever walked the earth to preach the gospel of equality of men. Bryan has been hounded, prosecuted and vilified because of his devotion to the interests of the common people, but this he considers an honor for there once came out of Nazareth a poor carpenter who preached the doctrine of humanity, brotherly love and forgiveness yet the people of His time, hated, hounded Him and finally killed Him, but His efforts resulted in a complete revolution of the civilized world. Slander and persecution may affect the man who preaches the truth, but it cannot affect the force of the word spoken in the cause of truth and justice. If Bryan should pass away tomorrow, history would find a place for him in the category of our greatest Americans.

A CLOCK IN THE SQUARE.

The Sun would again respectfully call the attention of the officials of the Boston & Northern street railway to the desirability of an illuminated clock in the square, that every one might see the time while coming or going in any direction on the cars. There is a nice spot left for the much needed clock where the stone post was recently knocked down by a runaway horse. If Manager Sullivan should get his eye on that gap in the curbing we believe he would immediately order a four faced illuminated clock for the benefit of the people who furnish the patronage for the street railway. The insignificant apology for a clock which is now hidden under an awning and which cannot be seen unless one puts his face against the window of the drug store, is useless. The old clock over the former waiting room was quite a convenience, but the present one may as well be sent to some rummage sale, where it will doubtless fall into the hands of some one who can make use of it. The public has no use for it whatever. Now, Mr. Sullivan, like a real good kind hearted public spirited man, won't you give us a clock with four beautiful illumined faces that will be a convenience to the public and at the same time stand as a monument to your kindly consideration for the public convenience.

NEW CHARTER NEEDED!

After all the charter tinkering we have had, Lowell never needed a new charter more than it does today. With all respect to our esteemed friends of the board of trade who ran a shop for the manufacture and repair of charters at one time, we have no further use for the present charter puzzle which was the product of their genius. The wonder is that we have been able to get along at all with our present bungling charter. Under its provisions the mayor has practically no power except the power of veto, and even this is not always effective. They tell us that we cannot get good men to run for the office of mayor of Lowell. It may be that our absurd charter is responsible for this timidity among capable and reputable men who would not dare to risk their reputation for executive ability in a position where they could not enforce their orders or carry out their ideas for the benefit of the city. We have always believed that the mayor should have complete control of every department in the city government. People may cry out against this as giving one man too much power, but the only way to conduct a successful business is to put the power in the hands of one man and hold him responsible for results. How long could the agent of one of our big manufacturing concerns satisfy the stockholders if he could not put his ideas into practical operation? No man of any capacity can go into city hall as mayor and bring about the reforms the people want under the present charter. He can recommend this and that, but the heads of departments can laugh at him and find protection under this abominable charter. He can advise the city council to do thus and so, but they are at liberty to do as they please. If he had the power to remove a superintendent of streets and put another man in his place without the interference of the city council, the superintendent would obey the mayor without hesitation. So with the heads of every other department. If the mayor had the power of removal and appointment he could order certain improvements or certain economies, and his orders would be obeyed.

Our charter was much nearer perfection at the time Mayor Courtney made his appointments which were afterwards overturned by the state legislature in a great hurry. We think the men who were responsible for the overturning have since seen the folly of their way and would be glad to have even the old charter in force. But while we are about it let us have a charter that is better than either. Let a committee of competent citizens get together and draw up a charter that will be of some service to the city, and give some power to the executive officer whom we elect to manage our affairs but to whom we give no power whatsoever. As we said before, we believe the mayor should have the appointing and removing power in every department. We believe in abolishing the water board. We believe in abolishing the department of supplies as there would be no need of it if the mayor had complete control over the different departments. We believe in giving even wider scope to the operations of the park commission which has done so well since its formation. We think the pauper department would be better managed if the board of overseers of the poor were wiped out and succeeded by a board subject to the mayor. We see no reason why the board of police could not be dispensed with under a proper charter or at least be formed of men who hold their positions at the pleasure of the mayor and who could be removed without question when he sees fit to remove them. True, this is practically one man power, but all the great achievements in this world were made not by committees, but by the force, the power and ability of the one right man in the right place. With a charter formed on these lines we have no doubt that men of capacity would be induced to offer themselves as candidates for the position of mayor, men who could administer with ability and who could reduce our tax rate systematically and continuously until it reached a reasonable figure. We believe such a man would be entitled to a salary commensurate with his ability, and if we ever get a charter of this sort and give it a fair trial we feel certain that our charter tinkering and experimenting will be at an end and our city will develop in every direction and new enterprises will be attracted in our direction. We say without fear of contradiction from any intelligent person that it is possible to have better streets, roads, bridges and other public requirements with a lower tax rate if the proper man with full powers is elected to the position of mayor.

SEEN AND HEARD

The church choirs are rehearsing their Christmas music.

Ward nine is the banner ward for women voters.

Santa Claus is the most popular individual just now.

Severely cold weather means work for the fire department as a rule.

Boston voted for wet goods, but she refused to swallow the republican mayoralty candidate.

A quietus from politics is a relief. The Thanksgiving season is now properly in order.

Medford has abolished its common council, which is an easy remedy for a heap of municipal ills.

Boston will have a big horse show in April, a fact pleasing to Lowell horse lovers.

Unlike other cities, Lowell is pretty free from crime at this time, especially the offences of larceny and assault.

Chelsea has gone for license again, and yet some people still persist in saying "as dead as Chelsea."

Massachusetts has done with political contests for another year, and people generally are glad.

To those who expected an "open town" after election day the notice of the police board comes as a shock. The liquor sellers must "be good"—that is, as good as heretofore, which is not saying much.

A new steamer for the Fall River line, now being built, is to be called the Providence. All the line's steamers begin with P, the Priscilla, Puritan, Plymouth and Pilgrim.

The Faulkner shanty on Belvidere heights has been improved by the addition of steps leading to the piazza and springs on the back door. It is still unoccupied.

A fine fellow has passed away in the death of John H. Comber, the Lowell cricketer, who died in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Comber was a very pleasant, companionable man and a great lover of outdoor sports.

Politics do not "cut ice" in the Middlesex Bar association, with Samuel K. Hamilton (democrat) president, and George F. Richardson (republican), vice-president.

The hurdy-gurdy man is grinding out his tunes, despite the winter weather. His favorite airs are "Marguerite" and "The Good Old Summer Time," which are hardly in keeping with the weather.

The recount demonstrated that ward eight has "the goods." The election hustlers up there know how to get out the votes, and their work is a revelation to the hustlers in other wards.

Attorney Qua's explanations of his public remarks on the mill tax cases are nearly as long-drawn out and insistent as the cases themselves.

A candidate for the school board in Boston (defeated of course) favored free clothing for the needy children and free lunches for all school attendants.

The incoming legislature has lost its first member by death in the person of William H. Phinney of Lynn, who expired suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Phinney was in the legislature this year, and was quite well known by the Lowell members.

Carroll D. Wright, the U. S. commissioner of labor, predicts that the wage systems will pass away, and profit sharing and co-operative systems will take its place. If this change should ever come about "the ghost" may still be able to walk, and pay days would come about with old-time regularity. But wouldn't it seem odd not to be a "hired man," nor a wage earner?

Carrie Nation has gone on the stage—another awful result of the rum demon. She appears as the heroine in a revised, up-to-date "Ten Nights in a Barroom," in which she sallies forth in quest of a wayward boy, whom she finally finds in death, and over his prostrate body she makes a speech, winding up with smashing the saloon and its fixin's with her little hatchet.

The other day when Santa Claus paraded the streets in a carriage, led by a brass band, a bare-foot little girl, about 6 years old, accompanied by a younger brother, followed the procession from Fayette street into Centralville and return, a distance of several miles. The eyes of the two children were on Santa the whole time, whom they, no doubt, regarded as a great and good man. Let us hope that Santa will remember these two little tots, so full of innocence and simplicity, and make their Christmas holidays happy.

The Hebrews in Lowell, like their brethren all over the world, are celebrating the feast of "Chanuka" this week. This feast, which commemorates the restoration of Jerusalem, and is known as the feast of lights, was ushered in last Sunday evening and will be celebrated until Saturday evening, December 19. In the Hebrew homes a candle is lit—the first night and the following seven days additional candles are lit until the entire eight are burned on the last night of the feast. The exercises are of a religious character, but games and social functions are also indulged in, especially by the younger people.

Here is something from the Manchester Mirror that will please the boys on the "Flats" where Dan Lynch hails from:

As The Onlooker was walking towards the station on his way to the West Side this morning he met the Old Man of Merrimack Common.

"Good morning," said The Onlooker.

"Good morning," replied the Old Man of Merrimack Common.

"Did you go to the basket ball game Monday night?" asked The Onlooker.

The Old Man smiled one of those sarcastic smiles that are regularly seen upon his countenance before replying:

"Yo-es," and then he stopped abruptly. "Oh yes, I went to the basket ball game and if I did not have a good time I do not want a cent.

"One of those men in the Manchester uniform took his opponent and shook him as if he were a rat. I tell you if I had that done to me when I was about twenty-five years younger there would have been trouble.

"At last one of the men after a great deal of jumping around, dropped the ball into the basket that was dangling from the other end of the cage. The young man beside me almost went into hysterics and the way he shrieked and yelled was appalling for its strength and ferocity. If he had been in a circus the keepers would have come around and silenced him with a horsewhip or an elephant brad. But as it was Mechanics hall, in dear old Manchester, nothing was done to him and he was allowed to simmer.

"But I must say that of all the innocent men in the world that Lynch on the Manchester team is the best. Once he took the full man he was playing against and banged him against the bars of the cage, and I thought that the police would have entered the cage and carried the full man off on a stretcher. Oh, no, nothing like that. Lynch was as cool and innocent as a little lamb. And Doyle, the full man did not seem to notice the banging very much.

"I have read about the terrible dangers of the middle ages, how perilous it was for a man to go out in the times when the custom was to light tourneys in the lists. But none of those tourneys could be much worse than our basket ball and foot ball. They may have hit harder but they also wore more armor for protection. Now the gladiator wears nothing but a light running suit when he enters the lists of the basket ball. The results are not much different, I do not believe."

"But how did you like the game?" asked The Onlooker.

"Oh, so, so. I guess I'll take in another one before the season is done. If I could see that Lynch play every night as he did Monday I'd go every night."

Standard Dictionary, full leather, $9.00. Lawler's.

DON'T GET MAD

HE PEOPLE AT POST OFFICE SHUT YOU OFF.

If you call up the post office by telephone to ask if there is any mail for you or to make any other similar inquiry, and an answer is denied you, do not get angry and vow vengeance on Postmaster Thompson. He can't help it. If he refuses to tell you what you want to know, or if any of his subordinates does, he will be merely carrying out the the orders of the department officials at Washington.

Of course any inquiry as to postal business not of a personal nature will be cheerfully answered at the post office. The orders at the department forbidding the giving out of telephone information refers only to questions as to the receipt or delivery of mail addressed to particular persons.

A recent communication from the first assistant post-master general at Washington received by Postmaster Thompson in common with all the other postmasters in the country a copy of which has been posted in the post office workroom, reads as follows:

"The attention of the department has been called to the common practice that prevails in post offices where telephones are installed, of answering inquiries made by strangers or by persons whose voices are not recognized by the postmaster or clerk who answers the telephone, concerning mail matter in the office. Under section 549, P. L. and R., postmasters and all others in the postal service are prohibited from furnishing any information concerning mail matter received or delivered except to the person to whom it is addressed or their authorized agents. The attention of all postmasters and postal employes is called to this matter, and strict compliance with the regulation is enjoined.

(Signed) R. J. WYNNE,
First Asst. Postmaster-General.

Under this order the postmaster and all employes of the local post office will be obliged to refuse to give such information over the telephone wire to any persons whose voices are not known, or, otherwise, except to known persons or to their duly authorized representatives.

Choice gift books. Lawler's.

Read the Oriental Bazaar's ad.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE CASTO.

The Casto theatre will prove far too small to accommodate the crowd tomorrow, for Saturday is the day that the school children of the city have selected as their time to attend the cosy Shattuck street theatre. This week they will witness the best show of the season. Jane Courthope and Charles Forrester in the comedy "A Fisherman's Luck," head the program and the act is exceedingly funny. The Avon Comedy Four will be great favorites with the children as their school room scene will be a big hit. Greene and Werner in "Bubes in the Jungle," is another act that will win the plaudits, for it is very novel and the quick change of the artists from street clothes to Zulu costumes is astonishing. Green trading stamps are given free with every orchestra ticket. Reserved seats can be obtained by calling telephone 815-3.

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Get are the initials of George E. Tradd, who would like to announce that he has got, for you to get, the best gifts, and when you give, what you will get, don't forget, that your gift will never be forgotten. Now let us not forget, what we can get, in this store, we can't get, in any other store in Lowell. We have no other branch. The ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 318 Merrimack street. Please don't forget the number.

Father Said "Hurrah!"

In a letter from Miss Annie C. Roberts of W. Southport, Me., whose father had taken one bottle of U-ri-cene, the new Rheumatic Cure, she writes: "Father says 'Hurrah,' he feels better. He gets up out of his chair without help and goes out of doors, walking about quite a little. We are certain that U-ri-cene is driving the Rheumatism out of his system."

U-ri-cene is sold and guaranteed by Falls & Burkinshaw, A. W. Dows & Co., Carter & Sherburne, H. J. Lang & Co., Hachette & Delisle, Ellingwood & Co., Goodale's drug store, F. H. Butler & Co., and the Lowell Pharmacy, and money will be refunded if a fair trial fails to cure Rheumatism. In tablet form only. Price 50c.

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We have an elegant line of the Edward Miller Gas Lamps at lowest prices. What is more acceptable than a nice Gas lamp as a Christmas gift? Call and see our assortment of these goods.

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DESKS

Handsome ladies' desks with conveniently arranged interior and drop lid front.

The massive Colonial and Mission designs and the more dainty French styles, in mahogany, oak and maple woods. Desk chairs to match. About the cost, we are showing a neat oak desk at ***$4.50*** and different designs in better qualities, ***$9.00, $10.00, $11.00, $12.00*** to ***$20.00.***

The Colonial and Mission designs ***$12.00*** to ***$35.00.***

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EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES

10 for 15 cents. Cork Tips or Plain

Save the Coupons.

PUTNAM & SON CO.

166 Central Street

MEN'S OVERCOATS FOR $10

WE'VE a word to say about our overcoats for $10—in every way the most worthy coats that we know of for the price—cut of the regulation length, made from strictly all wool fabrics, oxford and black, kerseys and friezes; nicely lined, capitally tailored, cut with the new narrow lapels; broad shouldered and stylish—they're as fashionable as they are good—more real merit for $10 than we believe has ever been put into an overcoat for this price.

Boys' Reefers $1.25

but these are all small sizes the remainder of a lot that sold for $1.75.

Boys' Belt Back Overcoats $2.00

We begin today on our second hundred of these smart little coats to fit boys 4 years to 9. Neat dark smooth meltons, made up double breasted with velvet collars — they're the best $2.00 value we ever offered.

Boys' Norfolk Suits $2.50

All wool, new patterns in neat cheviots—sizes 8 to 15. We've never shown new, stylish all wool suits at anything like so low a price. The real value is at least a dollar more than these are marked—good for Christmas.

Boys' Fleeced Underwear 19c

Just when the boy needs it, we offer this lot of heavy brown mixed fleeced Shirts and Drawers at almost half price—all sizes, 24 to 34. The same number you'll find sold elsewhere for 35c.

Best Quality Mohair Tams 37½c

There are but 180 in the lot, a few styles that the manufacturer discontinued. Identically the same quality sold everywhere for 75c and $1.00. These for 37½c

Sweaters for Men and Boys.

A great stock of thoroughly good sweaters — Hand Knit Shaker for $5.00, Intercollegiate for $1.50; heavy wool and worsted in navy, oxford and white. Boys' worsted sweaters for $1.50 and $1.00, with a small lot to close, for 37½c.

Young Men's Overcoats $6.00

Every coat strictly all-wool, of fine faced black and oxford Friezes, cut extra long, broad shouldered and full of style. Three lots, on some of which sizes were missing, all sizes to fit boys 10 to 18 years—sold for $10—put together all now for $6.

House Coats

Cut and made by men tailors so that they fit; and we think a good deal of commonsense has been observed in the selection of fabrics. The house coats here are garments made to be worn—none is so gaudy that a man would balk at putting it on. Medium and dark cashmere, velour, and plain cloth coats, quietly lined or made from cloths in a neat variety of combinations of outside and inside colors,

$5 and up to $12.

Boys' Neckwear

Some exceedingly pretty neckwear, made especially for boys, from pretty Scotch plaid silks and fine satins, of correct proportions, in little four-in-hand scarfs, 25c

Windsor scarfs for younger boys, and bright colored little bows.

Boys' Suspenders

Each pair neatly boxed—pretty patterns and nicely made, nickel trimmings—sensible for the holidays—only 25c pair

WATER FAMINE

St. Albans Supply All But Gone

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 18—The city is threatened with a water famine. The two reservoirs from which the city is supplied and which are in turn fed from Fairfax pond, are steadily falling and one of them is nearly dry. The authorities have taken prompt precautionary measures to husband the little water that remains, but in spite of this the situation grows daily more serious. The city water has been shut off, and is turned on during one hour of the day only, between 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Pails, pans, bathtubs and various other receptacles are then filled with a supply that must last 24 hours. To make matters worse the water is so full of sediment that it is hardly fit for drinking purposes. It is possible that the meagre supply now furnished will be still further curtailed.

The Central Vermont railway has pressed into service all the engines that it can spare to draw water trains from Sheldon Junction and Swanton to its yards here. With this assistance they are not able to keep their machine shops in operation more than half of the time.

The St. Albans gas company has established a bucket brigade and is taking water from Stevens brook. A furniture manufacturing company, which operates one of the city's chief industries, has been obliged to shut down. The company is sinking a well and hopes to be able to resume operations soon.

Two steam laundries have scarcely enough power to move their machinery. The quality of the water is such as to make the proper cleaning of laundry impossible.

Trains entering the city are not allowed to take water here.

The great menace to the city, which is already suffering from the fact that many people have been thrown out of work, is from fire. The pressure is so low that a fire of any proportions could not be checked.

WILLIAMS, THE GREAT ANIMAL TRAINER, CURED BY TO-NI-TA

Mr. Williams, Manager of the Hagenbeck Animal Show, Who is Under a Constant Nervous Strain, Says Dr. Lorentz's TO-NI-TA Cured Him of Nervous Dyspepsia and Saved Him From Complete Collapse.

DR. LORENTZ'S MEMBRANE BITTERS

MR. C. L. WILLIAMS.

Dear Doctor:—

My business as manager of the Carl Hagenbeck's Trained Animal Company, which is one of the largest trained animal shows in the world, is one requiring a large amount of nerve force. You can never tell when an animal will turn on its trainer. This fact keeps me nerved up at all times for the welfare and safety of my trainers and keepers.

Being under a constant nervous strain and keyed to the highest pitch, I did not realize I was on the verge of a general collapse until one day I fainted from exhaustion. I had constant headache, followed by nervous dyspepsia. The doctor said my heart was affected and prescribed TO-NI-TA as a nerve and body builder. I began taking a teaspoonful every three hours and after taking three bottles am completely cured. Never again will I be without TO-NI-TA, as it has certainly done wonders for me, for which I am grateful beyond words.

C. L. WILLIAMS,
Manager Carl Hagenbeck Animal Show.
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 20, 1903.

TO-NI-TA CONTAINS NO COCAINE, or other dangerous drugs so often found in so-called catarrh and asthma cures, which do not cure, but make cocaine fiends.

TO-NI-TA, the great mucous membrane bitters, is a scientific combination of the vital principles of the most powerful healing herbs known to medicine. The marvelous curative properties of TO-NI-TA are largely due to the special process by which the active medicinal parts are extracted from each herb, and the scientific manner in which they have been united.

TO-NI-TA cures catarrh of the head, throat, lungs, stomach, kidneys, bladder and female organs. It is an invigorating tonic and stimulant; it tones up the system, builds nerve tissues, brings new life and elasticity to the mucous membrane, and restores the patient to a normal, healthy condition; it makes the sick well, keeps the well strong. TO-NI-TA can be given to children with perfect safety in doses as directed. It matters not in how weak a condition the patient may be, TO-NI-TA will strengthen and restore the shattered nerves. A trial bottle will convince you of the marvelous powers of this great medicine.

After you have tried TO-NI-TA, write to Dr. Lorentz and tell him how it benefited you. He is interested in every one who takes TO-NI-TA.

DOCTORS KNOW TO-NI-TA

Dr. Lorentz has made a special arrangement by which every Doctor may have a copy of the formula of TO-NI-TA and a sample bottle of the medicine, so that he may know for himself that it contains nothing but the vital principles of the most powerful healing herbs and that it is free from cocaine and dangerous drugs, by writing Lorentz Medical Co., Flatiron Bldg., New York. "The Beautiful Story of Life," Dr. Lorentz's treatise on catarrh, and advice will be sent free for the asking.

TO-NI-TA at druggists', or direct, $1.00 a bottle. If your druggist does not keep TO-NI-TA write direct, do not accept a cheap substitute, represented by the dealer to be "just as good as" TO-NI-TA. Insist on "TO-NI-TA."

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Xmas Clothing FOR THE FAMILY **On Credit**

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Cut This Coupon Out

This coupon is good for ONE DOLLAR on the first payment of goods, the purchase amounting to $10 or over, at the

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78 Middlesex Street,
LOWELL, . . . MASS.

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Proprietors of three big stores, Lowell, Lawrence and Lynn.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Cut this out and bring it with you, it will entitle you to 10 per cent. discount on your purchase if made at any time within this month, at our store.

EYE AND EYEGLASS CARE

Let us pilot you out of the misery and danger of overworked and improperly treated eyesight into the rest and satisfaction of restored vision. We understand EYES and EYE GLASSES—our business to fit the one to the other. We know the EYE and its needs—we know the dangers that follow in the wake of defective EYES and strained vision. Our knowledge of the EYE and practical experience in the fitting of GLASSES is at your service. We examine your EYES thoroughly, scientifically; tell you their exact condition, advise you what to do and grant you the privilege of doing as you please.

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OPEN EVENINGS.

SHOT HIS CHIEF

Police Officer Then Tried to Commit Suicide

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 18—Shot by a patrolman, Chief of Police William F. Dinneen lies seriously wounded at the North Adams hospital. Gardner Northrup, the policeman who did the shooting, attempted to end his own life by cutting his throat, but failed.

The shooting was the result of Northrup's anger at being forbidden to go on duty while intoxicated. It occurred a few minutes after 6 o'clock, just after the regular night force, with which Northrup should have gone, had left the police station. Northrup had come in some minutes before and had been told by Capt. Jones that he could not go out in the condition he was in.

After the force had left, Northrup went to the chief and asked him if the captain's order stood. Chief Dineen replied that it did and that Northrup could not go on duty in that condition.

Walking back from the chief's office to the patrolmen's room, Northrup secured a revolver and going up to the chief, began to fire. They were alone on the second floor at the time.

Patrolmen Whipple, Roseco and P. Walsh were in the main office on the first floor when the shots rang out and dashed up stairs.

STRUGGLE WITH CRAZED MAN.

Whipple, on reaching the head of the stairs, saw Dinneen and Northrup rushing toward him, the chief already wounded and crouching.

Vaulting over the chief's body, Whipple rushed at Northrup, regardless of the latter's fire, which sent one bullet whizzing by him, and pounced on the man. Each weighs more than 200 pounds and the force of the collision almost sent the

CHIEF OF POLICE WM. F. DINNEEN.

two through a window at the end of the corridor, the sash being broken out. Falling back, they landed on a couch.

Here Northrup tried to turn the revolver on himself and fired, the bullet just grazing his body near the heart. He then attempted to turn the weapon on Whipple, who wrenched it from his hand.

Whipple then forced Northrup through a doorway into the patrolmen's room and held him till Northrup said, "I'll go with you wherever you want." Whipple led him to a cell, passing the prostrate form of the chief, and locked him up. The other officers seeing that Northrup had been quieted, turned their attention to the chief.

WOUNDED CHIEF'S STATEMENT.

Chief Dinneen, although wounded and bleeding, was able to stand and with assistance walked down stairs to the main office, and Dr. Stafford, mayor of the city, was hurriedly summoned. While there, Chief Dinneen related the main features of the crime, saying that he guessed he was done for and that he wanted the real facts known beyond doubt.

Dr. Stafford had the ambulance called, and after doing what he could to stop the flow of blood had the chief taken to the hospital.

It was found that the chief had received four wounds apparently made by three shots. A bullet had pierced his left hand, one had pierced his coat and overcoat, one had scratched the left side of the abdomen, and another, apparently the one that hit the hand, had entered the face, knocking out two teeth, and lodged in the neck.

It was at first thought that the wound in the abdomen was most serious, but as it proved the one in the jaw was the only one that caused worry. The bullet in the neck was not removed last evening.

By 9 o'clock it was seen that the chief had a good chance for recovery, which had been doubted up to that time. His ante-mortem statement was taken at the police station by city solicitor Niles.

NORTHRUP ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Northrup was seen in his cell a short time after the shooting. He was talking in a dazed fashion, some of his statements being incoherent. He admitted the shooting, and said he was frenzied when he did it. He expressed sorrow that it was the chief whom he shot, but said he had nothing to say in defence of himself.

Northrup's attempt at suicide in his cell was evidently committed a very few minutes after he was left there, and in the belief that he had killed the chief. In the first excitement he had been shoved into the cell and the door locked without stopping to search him, in the haste of the officers to get to the chief.

About half an hour later officers went to the cell to see Northup's condition. They found him bleeding at the throat and a knife was taken from him. A physician was summoned and found that the wound was not deep, and there is little danger of his dying.

Chief of Police Dinneen is 44 years old, and is in point of service one of the oldest men on the force. He was born in Stamford, Vt. Coming to this city as a boy he worked some years in the Arnold print works, and was appointed a patrolman in 1887. Dinneen showed himself to be possessed of unusual bravery and ability, and this is not the first adventure in which his life has been saved by a narrow margin. He was made captain when the town became a city, eight years ago, and five years ago was made chief. He is married and has three children.

Northrup came to this city some years ago from Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and has been on the force for three years. Of late he had been warned several times for drinking, but this was his first suspension.

FAIR OPENED

IN AID OF FAITH HOME FOR CHILDREN.

The fair in aid of the Faith Home for Children under the auspices of the Educational club was opened yesterday at 228 Worthen street and was largely attended and liberally patronized. The many tables were tastefully decorated and laden with a tempting array of useful, ornamental and delectable articles.

The fancy goods table was decorated in green crepe paper ornamented and was well supplied with fancy and useful articles.

The nut table, in white decorations, had raw and salted peanuts, salted almonds, and pears. The cake table was also decorated in white, set off by many loaves of fancy frosted cake. A charming landscape done by Mrs. George H. Taylor of Nichols street, adorns the hall at the cake table having been given to the home.

The candy table is in position under an arbor of evergreen and presents a most pleasing aspect.

The pound table had 16-ounce parcels of various pastry supplies, also canned fruit.

In the dining room sandwiches, rolls, cake, ice cream and college ices, tea and coffee were served.

A fine musical program prepared by Mrs. Willis E. Morse was given last evening. It consisted of a piano solo, Nocturn F, Chopin, by Miss Dube, a pupil of Carl Baerman; vocal solo, Sidney Barton; violin solo, Fantasie Faust, Gounod, Mr. Arthur Booth; vocal solo, "The Four Leaf Clover," Brownell, Mrs. Josie Powers McDonald; whistling solo with auto-harp accompaniment, "Sly Musette," from "The Mocking Bird," and "Lead, Kindly Light," Dyker, Mr. Booth; vocal solo, Sidney Barton; piano solo, Titania, Wely, Miss Mabelle Harvey; vocal solo, "The Flight of Ages," Beven, Mrs. McDonald. Miss Ida I. Wilson and Miss Dube were the accompanists.

The fair will be continued this afternoon and evening.

MAYOR IS BEATEN

Lawrence Commissioners Won Out

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The license commissioners of Lawrence win out in their controversy with Mayor Grant. The order of the mayor, removing them from office, was revoked yesterday by Judge Fessenden of the superior court.

The commissioners, Frederick Patch, William J. Bradley and James A. Coughlin, were given a hearing by the mayor last spring on charges respecting the non-enforcement of the law. On the evidence submitted the mayor removed the commissioners, and they brought a bill in equity seeking to have the court review his finding.

The evidence was presented to Judge Fessenden at the hearing and he reserved his decision. His honor sent down his decision yesterday afternoon revoking the order of Mayor Grant.

It was alleged that the commissioners were incompetent and inefficient and the mayor so found. He found also that they had not enforced the law relating to screens, etc., in barrooms; that they had issued licenses to improper persons and for improper places; that they granted a license to Owen E. Mahan, who had been convicted of violating the liquor law, and the mayor deemed him an unsuitable person to hold a license. He further found that Coughlin was manager and a stockholder of the Lawrence equitable co-operative society, and that Patch was a stockholder and that the society sold cigars and other supplies to liquor dealers.

Double Trading Stamps today at Lawler's.

MILES' DAUGHTER

TRYING TO GET PARDON FOR HIM.

HUDSON, Dec. 18—Miss Lottie Miles, daughter of Edward P. Miles, formerly tax collector, but now serving a five years' sentence in state prison for embezzling $10,000, has in a limited circle the past two days circulated a petition for the pardon of her father, whose term of sentence has not yet half expired.

Miss Miles saw her father the latter part of last week and brought back the report that he said he was in greatly impaired health and could not live but a very short time. Such a report was soon in circulation here, and it was followed by the publication of an item in a Boston paper to the effect that Hudson's former tax collector was near death's door and there was somewhat of a sensation created.

Persons interested have been in communication with the prison officials and by them have been told that the stories told concerning Miles' state of health are greatly exaggerated. Monday last it was current that the former official could not live but a short time, and yet he was not visited by the prison physician until the following Wednesday, which tells the story that there was no just foundation for the rumor circulated.

It is said the efforts to secure signers to the application for a pardon are not meeting with much success.

Have a look at the Oriental Bazaar.

IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY PARTY.

The second of a series of parties under the auspices of the Improvement society of St. John's church was held last night at the new American Mechanics hall in Middle street. Music for dancing was furnished by Pease & Griffith's orchestra and the following were in charge of the affair: General manager, Frederick Clements; assistant manager, Isaac B. Romain; floor manager, Chas. A. Howarth; aids, William Wilson, George McElroy, Gordon Foster, Marion Spencer, Annie Welch.

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Sold by all druggists. Large bottle $1. Paw-Paw Laxative Pills 25c a bottle.

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Fine Silver Plated Sets, Comb, Brush and Mirror, **$1.49 to $5.98**
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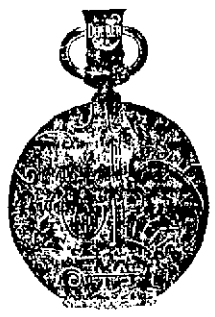

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BOTH SHOT DEAD

Father and Son Killed by Detectives

THREE OFFICERS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY

Men Were Wanted by the Police

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—Trailed to their lodging place and brought to bay within the walls of a small room, Joseph Choisser, aged 50, and Louis Choisser, aged 25, father and son, have been shot and killed in a battle with Detectives Hawley, Murphy and Cowan. The three officers escaped without injury. Both of the Choissers were killed instantly.

Two telegrams were received by Chief of Police Elkton from Equality, Ills., requesting the arrest of Joseph Choisser on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. There was no charge against the son, so far as known. They were located at a lodging house. The detectives entered without knocking. The elder Choisser was lying on the bed and as the officers entered he reached for his pistol. Before he could get it, Detective Hawley seized it. At the same moment Louis opened fire upon the officers. They returned the shots, killing Joseph instantly. The fire from Louis' revolver became so hot that the officers retreated into the hall. The young man followed but before he could take aim for a second shot Murphy and Cowan fired, killing him instantly. In the pockets of Louis $1800 was found. The officers declare that they were forced to shoot in self-defense.

Christmas stationery, choicest and greatest variety in Lowell, elegantly boxed, all prices. Lawler's.

CONANT NAMED

FOR TREASURER OF THE GOLF ASSOCIATION.

BOSTON, Dec. 18—The annual meeting of the Massachusetts golf association for the election of officers and for such other business as may legally come before the meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Exchange club in this city. The clubs of the association may be represented at any of its meetings by two delegates who are duly authorized and whose appointments are certified by their club secretary. Each of these delegates shall be entitled to one vote.

The nominating committee, which was composed of G. A. Shaw, Jr., of Myopia, Edmund C. Tarbell of Wollaston and A. J. Wellington of Newton, presents the following names:

G. Herbert Windeler, the Country club, president; Herbert C. Leeds, Myopia, vice president; Edmund B. Conant, Vesper C. C., treasurer; R. R. Freeman, Wollaston, secretary; Alfred L. Ripley, Oakley; C. A. Bowles, Country club of Springfield; John I. Taylor, Tedesco; N. D. Borden, Jr., Fall River; E. A. Wilkie, Newton, and the officers ex-officio, executive committee.

The list is a renomination of the present officers. The association has had a most successful year.

Crepe paper for Christmas. Lawler's.

MATINEE CLUB

ENTERTAINED BY MRS. TURCOTTE YESTERDAY.

Mrs. L. P. Turcotte entertained the Club La Matinee at whist yesterday afternoon. The first prize, a comb tray, was won by Mrs. J. W. Paradis, while the second, a vase, went to Mrs. W. A. Parthenais.

Buy your Xmas gifts at the Merrimack. We'll put money in your pocket and value—special value—in your possession—but no stamps. Is any leading merchant of New York or Boston resorting to stamps for business?

REFUSED TO PAY

LAWYERS' BILL TURNED DOWN BY HAVERHILL COUNCIL.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 18—Both branches of the city council last evening refused to act upon the bills presented by Lawyers Boyd B. Jones and George Fred Williams of Boston for $914 for services in the contested mayoralty election case before the supreme court last year.

The committee on accounts of the city council referred the bills for approval to the city government, and with the refusal of the latter to act a suit is probable to recover the amount asked by the two lawyers.

The report of the committee on accounts was accepted by both branches, and in the lower branch Councilman Frame created a lively discussion by objecting to their approval, and charging the republicans and socialists with being grafters.

Engraved visiting cards at Lawler's.

OFFICERS ELECTED

L'UNION ST. JOSEPH HELD WELL ATTENDED MEETING.

The election of officers of L'Union St. Joseph was held last night at the regular meeting of the society held in St. Joseph's hall. The installation of officers will take place on Jan. 7th, and R. L. Laupret will act as master of ceremonies. One application for membership was received and one new member was admitted.

The election resulted as follows:

President, J. S. Lapierre; vice president, Oneslme Gervais; recording secretary, J. A. Pyante, re-elected; assistant recording secretary, Arthur Plante, re-elected; treasurer, Isidore Turcotte, re-elected; assistant treasurer, D. B. Leboeuf, re-elected; directors, Theodule Lemire, Alexis Dozios, Alexandre Lagasse, re-elected; Albe Lemire and Hilaire Dozois; visitors, Albert Lebleau, re-elected; James St. Hilaire.

Bound books for boys and girls, 25 cents. Lawler's.

HAVERHILL POLICE

ARE ANXIOUS TO FIND MISS SAWYER.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 18—The local police and four retail business firms are searching for Miss C. J. Sawyer, who came to this city Wednesday morning, stopping a few hours and got away with $125 worth of goods. She claimed to belong in Lawrence and also in Newburyport.

The firms victimized by her were Mitchell & Co., W. P. Thayer, the Leslie dry goods company and A. C. Barrows.

Wednesday morning she engaged a room with Mrs George W. Rowe, a dressmaker on Main street, saying that she was to teach in a kindergarten school.

She called upon the four firms during the afternoon, securing a silk waist, two fur muffs, a black silk skirt, a black skirt, a tailor-made suit and a quantity of toilet articles. She had all the goods sent to Mrs. Rowe's house and no questions were raised.

The woman had tea with Mrs. Rowe and her family and early last evening left the house, saying she was going to make a call. She failed to return and an investigation showed that she had worn the garments she had secured, leaving the empty boxes in her room.

Miss Sawyer is about 25 years old, prepossessing and modestly but neatly dressed in a ready-made brown oxford suit. She is short and slight in build and her appearance is such as not to excite suspicion.

Crepe and tissue paper. Lawler's.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BY THE CLUB SOCIAL DE PAWTUCKETVILLE.

Officers were elected last evening by the Club Social de Pawtucketville as follows:

President, Emile Gelinas, re-elected; vice-president, Joseph Daxian; secretary, L. C. Gelinas, re-elected; assistant secretary, Rosaire Tourangeau; treasurer, Frederic Theriault, re-elected; assistant treasurer, Euclide Cingmars, re-elected; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Boivin.

Five applications were received. Michael Latlour and Oliva Brunelle were appointed to audit the books. The new officers will be installed on the first Thursday in January.

Ping Pong for 75 cents. Lawler's.

VERY FAST GAME

Lowell Scored Victory Over Haverhill

ALLARD SCORED FOUR GOALS FROM FIELD

Concord and Manchester Teams Clashed

About 600 persons saw the game of basket ball in Huntington hall last night, while so far as real playing is concerned the contest should have drawn a crowd that would pack the hall.

Haverhill and Lowell were the opposing teams and the game was one of the best played and closest ever seen in this city.

The Haverhill aggregation, composed of men released by Manager Gray, kept the locals on the hustle all the time and not until near the close of the third period was victory certain for the home team. With a larger attendance there would have been lively times and as it was the 600 present made enough noise as 1000 rooters. Bucky Lew got the lion's share of the applause and his work was certainly deserving of the recognition it received. Time and again Bucky ran around the floor holding off his men and giving them no chance to interfere with his floor work.

Allard was back in the game after a rest of one night and though he did not begin to do things until the third period, nevertheless once he started there was no stopping him. He threw four baskets in succession and had Jimmy Harrington in a quandary all the time.

Abbott, the captain of the team, who by the way, uses the best headwork of any man on the local team, played his usual steady game and was always on the alert for an opening.

Cairns and Doyle were the great center of attraction for the play of these men is always a treat. "Smiling Pat" is one of the best natured fellows in the game and even when he crashed into the fence and received a cut on the forehead he came up smiling and ready to continue the battle. Once Doyle and Cairns both plunged over the fence and fell to the floor outside the playing space. Other players rushed to their assistance and helped them back.

In the third period Henry Tighe retired in favor of McFarland and the crowd joked for some fast work by Haverhill inasmuch as they had a fresh man, but try as they would they could not land a basket and the game closed with the score 19 to 8 in favor of Lowell. The referee announced that tomorrow night Concord, the team that is making a fight for first place with Lowell, will play in this city. There will be an amateur game prior to the big contest.

In the amateur game last night the Brookshes defeated the Crimsons by a score of 15 to 3.

LOWELL.	HAVERHILL.
Allard lf	rb Harrington
Abbott rf	lb Lynch
Cairns c	c Doyle
Field lb	rf Tighe (McFarland)
Holleron rb	lf Lew

Won by	Scored by	Score.
Lowell, third foul		1—0
Haverhill, third foul		1—1
Lowell, third foul		2—1
Haverhill, third foul		2—2
Lowell, third foul		3—2
LIMIT.		
Haverhill, Lew		3—4
Lowell, third foul		4—4
Haverhill, third foul		4—5
Lowell, third foul		5—5
Lowell, Cairns		7—5
Lowell, third foul		8—5
Haverhill, third foul		8—6
LIMIT.		
Lowell, Allard		10—6
Haverhill, third foul		10—7
Lowell, third foul		11—7
Lowell, Allard		13—7
Lowell, Allard		15—7
Lowell, Abbott		17—7
Lowell, Allard		19—7
Haverhill, third foul		19—8

Score—Lowell 19, Haverhill 8. Goals by Allard 4, Cairns 1, Abbott 1, Lew 1. Fouls by Holleron 6, Cairns 4, Field 2, Abbott 2, Allard 3, Lynch 5, Harrington 7, Doyle 5, Tighe 3, Lew 2. Referee, Charles Conners. Timers, Bucky Halloran, Connie Driscoll. Attendance, 600.

CONCORD 37, MANCHESTER 16.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 18.—The Concord basketball team defeated Manchester last evening by a score of 37 to 16. It was the cleanest game between these two teams seen here this season. The home team had good luck in the making of her shots for the baskets while Manchester was particularly unfortunate, the ball falling to the floor from the rim of the basket. Tighe was the star player of the evening, and Herron started fast but was later handicapped by a bad knee. For Manchester while the whole team did good work Devlin and Qualey were the chief performers. The lineup:

CONCORD	MANCHESTER
Sykes lf	rb Donnelly
Stewart rf	lb Qualey
Kane c	c Lynch
Tighe lb	rf Devlin
Herron rb	lf Healy

Summary: Score—Concord 37, Manchester 16; goals from floor, Tighe 5, Kane 4, Sykes 4, Herron 3, Stewart 2, Lynch 2, Devlin 2, Qualey 2, Donnelly. Goals on fouls, Concord 1, Manchester 2. Referee, Hill. Scorer Leighton. Timers, Smith and Becket. Attendance, 400.

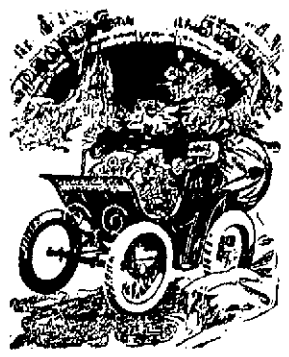
Concord with Kane, the champion basket thrower will play in Huntington hall tomorrow night. Lowell will have to play every minute of the game to down this swift Concord bunch with whom our boys are tied for first place.

Up to the third period Haverhill gave Lowell a great scare and many of the local rooters thought the Shoe City boys would steal away a victory. That Haverhill bunch certainly can play the game.

AT M. T. I.

MUSICAL CLUB HOLDS REHEARSAL.

The musical club of the Mathews held its regular weekly meeting and rehearsal last evening with a very large attendance. Director James A. Murphy was present and directed the singing. Mr. Murphy is much impressed with the work of the club as far as it has progressed and predicts a rosy future for it. The membership of the club is now about seventy-five.



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(How a Boy Aroused the Household on the "Day of Days")

By ANDREW P. ELKSTON

Sleep is over; hear that horn.
Wake up, Jack, it's Christmas morn.
See the stockings stuffed so tight—
Golly, how I wish 'twas light!
Wait! I'll feel and tell what's there.
Ouch! My finger's caught for fair.
Wake up, Jack! How can you snore
Christmas day at half past four?
I'll get up and strike a match.
Maybe Jennie 'll hear the scratch!

Pshaw! I don't care! I can't wait;
It is getting awful late.
Jen, is that you? Christmas gift!
I caught you. Now help me lift
This big bundle off my chair.
Let's wake Tom up. Pull his hair.
Toot your horn, Jack, wake them all!
Let's hit Papa with the ball.
Beat your drum, Tom; blow your horn.
Get up, Pop, it's Christmas morn!

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LEFT A FORTUNE

Mrs. Malcolm Knew Nothing of It

CHICAGO, Deac. 18.—Left an heiress in her infancy, and only discovering the fact when she was 27 years old and married is the experience related to Probate Judge Cutting by Mrs. Clara Laing Malcolm, in proceedings begun to ascertain what had become of an estate originally valued at $135,000, alleged to have been dissipated by her father and guardian, Cuthbert W. Laing, once a real estate dealer in Chicago. The court ordered a box in a safety deposit vault opened in the hope that some remnant of the property may be discovered.

Mrs. Malcolm told the court that her mother died in 1876. Immediately afterward the little girl was sent to her father's parents in Lapeer, Mich. Occasionally, she said, her father sent her money, the largest single sum being $30, but she never knew that she was an heiress until she was married last June and went to reside in Ann Arbor.

Former Governor Hamilton, who has charge of Mrs. Malcom's case, had summoned Laing and former Senator Mason as counsel, into court to show what had become of the money. Neither appeared but an expense account of guardianship was produced that surprised Judge Cutting. It included items ranging from $3 for repairing an office desk to $2600 which was paid for a trip to Europe. Incidentally, among the investments, was a payment of $27,000 for land in Captain Streeter's district of Lake Michigan, made without permission of the court.

Judge Cutting ordered a citation issued for the plaintiff's father to compel his appearance in court.

HOW OLD IS ANN?

She'll be in the window of the women's department of the Merrimack Clothing Co. until Christmas. The person guessing nearest the correct age may select merchandise to the value of $25 the day after Christmas.

ITALIAN KILLED

By the Explosion of Dynamite

IPSWICH, Dec. 18.—By the explosion of a charge of dynamite which two men were trying to remove from a wall today an Italian known as "No. 31," was killed and Andrew Currie, of Beverly, was seriously injured. The men who were employed by Contractor Delch of Beverly in the construction of foundations for a new building on the Phillips estate in this town, had placed the stock of explosive in the wall yesterday and attempted to explode it, but it appeared defective. When they tried to take it out today it exploded and blew off the top of the Italian's head. Currie was taken to the Salem hospital in a critical condition.

FLYING MACHINE

SUCCESSFUL TRIALS OF ONE WAS MADE.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 18—A successful trial of a flying machine was made yesterday near Kitty Hawk, N. C., by Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio. The machine flew for three miles in the face of a wind blowing at the registered velocity of 21 miles an hour and then gracefully descended to earth at the spot selected by the man in the navigator's car, as a suitable landing place. The machine has no balloon attachment, but gets its force from propellors worked by a small engine.

CHELMSFORD.

The selectmen gave a public hearing last evening on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. for permission to erect poles and wires in Westford street from Lowell street to the house of Walter Perham. There were no remonstrants and the selectmen voted to grant the petition.

The school committee held the regular meeting last evening in the town hall and transacted routine business.

F. J. Davis Co.

Leaders in Easy Terms and Low Prices

Clothing on Credit

Come this week and look at the many things we sell in our Ladies' Department that make useful and appropriate Christmas gifts. We sell them at cash prices on our easy terms of no money down and a little a week.

No Money .. Down

Don't wait to save up to pay cash for your clothing. Come to us. We will trust you. Isn't it a comfort when you come to a store like this, select what your fancy chooses, and pay for the same in small weekly payments.

Ladies' Cloaks and Suits	$10 to $35
Millinery	$3 to $8
Gent's Overcoats and Suits	$10 to $25
Boys' Suits and Overcoats	$3 to $10

NEW STORE. NEW GOODS

13 Merrimack Square, 16 Prescott Street

GREEN STAMPS FREE TO CUSTOMERS.

OUR FIFTH GRAND SPECIAL

HOLIDAY SALE

OF

Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, Silver Plated Ware, Sterling Silverware, Clocks, Fancy China and Cut Glass

We intend each year to get together a line of special bargains in each of our departments at extremely low prices. Articles mentioned in this advt. are goods purchased in large quantities during the dull months when the manufacturers will sell at very low prices to keep their help in orders. These goods were purchased especially for Christmas bargains at very low figures.

WATCHES

1 lot Ladies' 14kt Gold Filled, hand engraved cases. Fine Waltham or Elgin movement, every one warranted. Sale price **$15.50**

1 Lot Ladies' O. size, solid 14kt hand made case, extra fine Waltham or Elgin works; warranted. Sale price **$16.50 to $25**

One lot 14kt Gold Filled Gents' Watches, fine full Jewel, Waltham or Elgin works, warranted 25 years, price **$19**

One lot 16s Gents' solid Gold Watches, extra fine, 21 jewels, adjusted Waltham or Elgin works **$45 to $65**

Sterling Silver Toilet Sets in Silk Lined Cases $8.50 to $20

Our Special Bargain, 50 Sets Sterling Hair Brush and Comb in Case **$2.50** Set. 75 Sets Silver Hair Brush, Comb and Mirror in Case **$6.50.**

CLOCKS

50 One Day French Gilt Clocks **98c.**

25 One Day Gilt, large size warranted **$3.50**

One lot large size 8 day, strike hour and half, every one warranted . **$3.98**

CHAINS

Gents' Gold Filled Dickens Chain, with locket or charm . **$1.50 to $10**

500 Ladies' Gold Filled long Watch Chains . . **$1.50 to $7.50**

Special Sale of Nut Picks

100 Sets, silver plated, at . **9c** set
Others from . **50c** to **$1.50** set

DIAMONDS

One lot Diamond Rings 1-16 to 1-8ct in fancy hand made settings **$12**

One Lot Diamond Rings, 14kt, hand made settings in Plain, Tiffany, Belcher, or fancy settings, . . **$18 to $25**

One lot special selected White Diamonds, set in 14kt hand made Plain, Tiffany, Belcher or fancy settings, 3-8ct. . **$30 to $35**

These Diamonds are all warranted and are special value for the money.

Also a large line of Diamond Rings weighing 1-2 to 2ct. Price **$40 to $250.00**

Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons

Rogers' first quality, every piece in this lot warranted.

Tea Spoons .	Sale Price	42c	set
Dessert Spoons	"	15c	each
Table Spoons .	"	20c	each
Forks. . .	"	90c	set
Knives . .	"	$1.49	set
Sugar Spoons. .	"	35c	each
Butter Knives. .	"	42c	each

Silver Plated Novelties

300 Silver Plated Hair Receivers at **42c**

75 Silver Plated Cream Bowls, gold lined **90c**

Crumb Scraper and Tray, Bread Trays, Claret Pitcher, sale price . **98c**

Beginning to-morrow evening our store will be opened every evening until Christmas

JEWELRY

Solid Gold Link Cuff Buttons, in all the latest designs in bright polished, Roman or rose finish, extra heavy. **$2.50 to $6.50**

One lot Gold Link Cuff Buttons, set with diamonds, price, **$5.50 a Pair**

One lot Gold Filled Brooch Pins, made up exactly like a $10 gold pin set with pearls and opals; warranted. Price, **$1.65**

One lot Solid Gold Brooches, set with pearls and opals, ... **$5.00**

One lot Gold Brooches, set with diamond nad pearls in sunbursts, star and crescent shapes . . **$6.50 to $12.00**

Silver Plated Tea Sets

We have 25 patterns in high grade Silver Plated Tea Sets, From **$4.80 to $50.00**

One special 4-piece set, warranted. Price, ... **$4.80**

One lot 4-piece set, hand burnished. warranted, ... **$6.90**

One lot 5-piece quadruple plate, hand burnished, at **$9.80**

Butter Dishes to match all Tea Sets, **$1.25 to $6.00**

UMBRELLAS

A large line of fine, new and up-to-date 26 in. and 28 in. umbrellas, all the latest styles in silver and gold, horn, box wood handles **$1.00 to $12.50**

One lot special selected 26 in. fine gloria with sterling silver handles, for ladies, price, **$2.60**

SILVER PLATED

Smoking Sets, Shaving Mugs with brushes, **$1.25 to $10**

300 Brass Candle Sticks with shade and holder, **25c each**

500 Sterling Silver Thimbles, all sizes, **13c each**

REMEMBER THESE ARE OUR SPECIAL BARGAINS FOR ONE WEEK

No. 64 MERRIMACK STREET

GRANT JEWELRY CO.

FRED GRAY, Manager

Telephone

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.45	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.32	7.40	6.20	7.26
a6.38	7.50	7.55	8.55
a6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.37
e8.24	9.10	e10.00	10.37
a7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	a11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37
11.00	12.03	2.00	3.01
a11.43	12.25	e3.00	3.37
p12.14	1.03	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.00	4.14	5.30
a3.55	2.35	e5.00	5.37
a3.03	4.20	5.38	6.25
a4.47	4.33	a5.47	6.54
4.20	5.30	6.14	7.30
e5.21	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.05
e6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
a7.39	8.10	11.20	12.22

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.39	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.36	4.55
2.20	3.55	4.50	5.50
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.05
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.05	6.45	9.33	10.40
6.15	7.15	B11.15	12.15
7.00	8.06		
9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

8.15	9.27	8.00	8.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.07
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.30	6.55		
8.00	9.05		

SUNDAY TRAINS

a8.59	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.21	8.10	1.00	1.37
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.58
a8.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
a5.53	7.00	9.00	10.02

Trains by western division leave Lowell from Middlesex St. Station.

a Via Bedford.

e Express.

s From Middlesex Street Station only.

B Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

LOCAL NEWS

Printer—F. A. M. Tobin's Printery.

Lawler Printing Co., 29 Prescott st.

Best blacksmiths' coal $5, Stanley's.

Desk blotters with silver corners. Lawler's.

John J. Pickman, lawyer, No. 2 Hildreth building.

Hire your hacks at O'Donnell's stable. Tel. 439-4.

Mandolins, Banjos, Guitars on instalments. Stratton & Handley, Hildreth bldg.

Challenge brand coffee, all grocers and butchers. Sullivan & Co., 147 Middle St.

Buy a nice set of furs for your best girl at Chris Holmes' 124-126 Merrimack street.

Go to Tom Kelley's for your skates. Children's skates 25c. T. H. Kelley, 322 Middlesex street.

You can fool the whole of the people some time and some people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time. Moral—The women's department of the Merrimack shows such an array of fresh, new goods suitable for Christmas gifts as you'll not find in town—cut prices to beat the stamp fever—but no stamps.

Teachers' Bibles for 98 cents. Lawler's.

CHILDREN'S HOME

MISS O'LEARY ACKNOWLEDGES FAVORS RECEIVED.

The children's home acknowledges the receipt of a load of kindling wood from Mr. James A. Thompson; half a cord of hard wood from Miss M. A. Gage; one barrel boys' clothing from Mrs. H. V. Hunt, Peabody, Mass., and a generous supply of cooked food from the First Trinitarian church.

Christmas day at the home will be observed in the usual way. Christmas dinner will be free; Santa Claus will preside and there will be an entertainment by the children.

ELLEN O'LEARY.

Diaries for 1904. Lawler's.

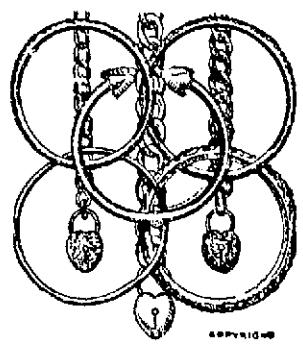
..CHEAPER..

At 50 cents a ton more than other coal he had bought, was the unsolicited statement made by one of our most prosperous business men yesterday when renewing his order for coal with us.

This with the fact that we do not charge more, should indicate to you where to buy your coal.

D. T. SULLIVAN

Office and Elevators, 45 Perry St., Branch Office, 227 Central St.



BRACELETS

skilfully wrought in gold and silver, in the highest style of artistic elegance, as well as all other kinds of jewelry, are displayed at Harris'. We are showing the latest Christmas styles, and you can choose from our big stocks well within your means. Bracelets from $1 to $5.

HARRIS, 10 Appleton Street

Christmas Drafts

Money sent to England, Ireland and Scotland at lowest rates at

JAMES F. O'DONNELL'S

STEAMSHIP AGENCY,

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(Organist at St. John's Church.)

TEACHER OF PIANO

ROOM 27, ASSOCIATE BLDG.

WEDNESDAYS FROM 3 TILL 7 P. M.

WOOLEN TRADE

Shows a Great Falling Off

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Special telegrams from correspondents of the international mercantile agency concerning the state of trade throughout the United States are summarized as follows:

Interest and dividend disbursements at Philadelphia Jan. 1, will aggregate $9,000,000, at Pittsburg, $8,000,000 and at St. Louis, $4,000,000. At the "Quaker City" the woolen industry fell behind 25 per cent. this year, owing to previous forced production and strikes but the outlook for 1904 is good. General trade prospects at Pittsburg for next year are for gains. Chicago reports a fair outlook for next year, St. Louis an encouraging one, and for St. Paul as good as this year. Nearly all leading western railways are suffering from lack of motive power to move freight offered, the first instance of the kind this year. Inquiries for 50,000 tons of rails and structural steel at Chicago constitute one of the features of the industrial week. While Texas railways are doing a heavy business, there is some complaint of collections in that state.

The commerce of the country, in the absence of marked labor disturbances, promises to show the results of the invigorating influence of the United States having paid off not only nearly $500,000,000 of indebtedness abroad during 1903, but of our having actually established a credit on the other side in addition thereto. The export trade within three months has outrun all records.

Financial interests are less confident of as much of a January rise in the stock market as customary in view of the extent to which loans were made last summer in the fear of high rates to run until after January 1. F. A. Vanderlip of the National City bank states that as some dividends have been cut, others abolished and new issues put forth, it does not seem that the percentage of the amount to be paid out in New York as interest and dividends on Jan. 1 should change much from a year ago, when it was estimated at $169,805,000.

Inquiry in New York indicates that the year's trade at the Metropolis, other than in iron, steel, lumber and cotton goods, has averaged fully equal to and in some directions has slightly exceeded like totals in 1902.

New lot of furs at Chris Holmes, 124-126 Merrimack street.

APPEAL FOR HELP

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF BOERS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Peter Van Vlissingen has received a letter from General Christian R. Dewet acknowledging the receipt of $1,165, a contribution to the Boers in the neighborhood of Kopjes siding, Orange River colony, who were ruined by the recent war and unfavorable conditions since the conclusion of peace.

"Accept," writes General Dewet, "my thanks for your services in behalf of our poor, ruined people and also to those who enabled you to send this sum. We hardly have had rain since the conclusion of peace, and harvests have been failures.

"Further help would be welcome. I do not ask for myself, but beseech further aid for the widows and children of the heroes killed in the recent war."

Artistic decorations at the Armory tonight.

ANARCHIST ARRESTED

HE IS CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—Charles Pierson, a local anarchist, has been arrested charged with disorderly conduct. He was tried in recorder's court on a charge of obstructing the streets, found not guilty and discharged.

There was no foundation for the sensational stories sent out by correspondents of eastern and northern papers that plans of President Roosevelt's home at Oyster Bay were found in Pierson's possession.

Military Dance tonight, 25 cents.

LARGE THEFTS

LAID AT THE DOOR OF YOUNG CLERK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—While working on a salary of $9 a week, Gus A. Grigsby has robbed his employers at the rate of $200 per day, according to Manager David L. Rose of M. L. Barrett & Co.

When arrested $250 worth of costly vanilla beans were found concealed in Grigsby's clothing. In the few months that his meagre salary has kept him attached to the firm it is believed that he has stolen between $12,000 and $15,000 worth of stock.

CHAFING DISHES.

We have just received a lot that came in a little late, and we have decided to mark them away down. $3.50 reduced to $2.69; $4.00 reduced $3.25; $5.00 reduced to $3.75; $6.00 reduced to $4.00. We have only a few. Come early. The Thompson Hardware Co.

Our Favorite

GOLD

ENAMEL

is a washable enamel that can be applied on any surface

It makes cheap-looking articles appear smart and expensive. It is just as bright, smooth and rich-looking as the genuine gold leaf.

25c and 50c boxes

C. B. Coburn & Co.

63 Market St.

DUBOIS MYSTERY

Has Been Partly Cleared Away

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Part of the mystery that surrounded the life of Alpheus D. Dubois has now been cleared away. Dubois was principal of a public school here 53 years. He lived as a recluse and when he died the other day, even his most intimate friends were astonished to learn that he had left an estate valued at half a million; that he had been married and separated from his wife half a century ago and had a daughter whose married name he did not even know. Information as to the whereabouts of the widow and daughter has been obtained. They have lived for several years with friends in Kingston, N. Y., and are now spending the winter in Florida. The daughter's name is McKee and she also is the mother of a little girl whose existence the old school master was unaware.

It is not known whether the widow and the daughter intend to institute a contest for the wealth. So far as known Mrs. Dubois, the widow, and Mrs. McKee have not written to inquire, even formally, of the death or of the estate. The will which brought their existence to light left Mrs. McKee only $10,000.

The principal legatees were Dubois' two sisters who live in this city, and a brother who lives in California. Small legacies also were left to several teachers.

Dainty card cases. Lawler's.

Mr. L. E. Baril, the well known horse dentist, will start for New York Dec. 21.

COTTON MARKET

DID NOT SHOW SO MUCH ACTIVITY TODAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The cotton market was not so active today as yesterday but reflected continued excitement, coupled with much uncertainty. Cables showed great irregularities abroad but at the time of the local opening were as high as expected and the market here opened firm, unchanged to 7 points higher, placing all the active months at new high records for the season with January just after the call selling at 12.64; March at 12.85 and May and July at 12.90. Following this there was immense realizing which eased the market off to about last night's finals but there seemed little bear pressure and the general undertone remained firm in a feverish way with fluctuations narrow and irregular.

Address books and visiting lists. Lawler's.

IRISH VOLUNTEERS

HELD SECOND DANCE LAST EVENING.

The Fifth Regiment, Irish Volunteer, Fife and Drum Corps, held its second dance in Hibernian hall, last evening with a large crowd and a delightful time. The Colonial orchestra played for dancing. The officers in charge were: General manager, Hugh O'Rourke; assistant manager, Michael T. Rourke; floor director, Thomas D. Lane; assistant floor director, Michael J. Sullivan; chief aid, Thomas J. Daley; aids, James J. McNamara, Michael J. Kane, Andrew F. Roach, Thomas J. Rourke, Michael H. Rourke, James Barry; reception committee, Charles J. Shanley, chairman; James O'Rourke, Peter Higgins, Geo. Jordan, James McHugh, Michael J. Lee, secretary.

GRAND SEND-OFF

GIVEN TO PRIVATE FRANCOIS TURGEON.

Francois N. Turgeon, the young marine who has been spending a 30 days' furlough at his home in Fletcher street, this city, leaves tomorrow for the Portsmouth navy yard where he will finish out his term of enlistment which expires on Oct. 18, 1904.

Last evening a number of Mr. Turgeon's friends assembled at his home and gave him a grand send-off. The event took the form of a cobweb party with whist as a side attraction. Music of a pleasing order was furnished by Miss Laura Chabot, Miss Della Emond, Misses Marie Louise and Anna Vigeant and Messrs. Majorique Cossette and Albert Lavole. Ice cream, cake and light beverages were served. Mr. Louis Turgeon and Miss Adeline Turgeon, brother and sister of the young soldier, were the organizers of this pretty affair, which was truly a right royal send-off for Mr. Turgeon.

The prizes at whist were won as follows: First men's prize, pack of cards, Mr. Gustave Fortier; first ladies' prize, a china tray, Miss Marie Louise Barry; boobies, Mr. Louis Turgeon and Miss Marie Louise Vigeant.

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Traders National Bank of Lowell, held yesterday, it was voted that the semi-annual dividend No. 21, of four per cent. be paid by check, mailed to stockholders, January 1st., 1904, that are of record at close of business Dec. 26th., 1903.

Calendars and Christmas cards. Lawler's.

Mrs. John P. Farrell of Moyie, B. C., formerly Miss Sadie Spencer of this city, is visiting at her former home, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Hand lace collars, Oriental bazaar.

CHURCH RECTOR

TESTIFIED IN HOPPER-DUNSMUIR WILL CASE.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—In the Hopper-Dunsmuir will case yesterday, Rev. W. C. Shaw, rector of the church of the Advent, Oakland, told of performing the marriage ceremony betwen the late Alexander Dunsmuir and the late Josephine Wallace, mother of the plaintiff, Edna Wallace Hopper. He had heard Dunsmuir was addicted to drink and had talked with him with a view to finding out his condition. Dunsmuir talked clearly, distinctly and intelligently. He was not under the influence of liquor. During the marriage ceremony Dunsmuir made the responses in a clear and distinct manner. He was quite well, there being nothing strange about him. Mrs. Wallace was also in good health.

W. R. Mighell of the California Shipping company, whom testified for the defense, stated that Dunsmuir had always impressed him as being able to transact his business.

The popular games of Pit and Flinch. Lawler's.

Only one Oriental Bazaar in Lowell.

..THE GIFT GETTING..

Is Yours, and right joyous should it be. You will find attention, intelligent suggestions and a larger stock than ever.

TWO FOR ONE DOUBLE BLUE STAMPS

Ladies' Br. Rubbers, 2½ to 3½ 25c
Ladies' 50c Storm Rubbers...39c
Ladies' $1.00 Leggins.....69c
Misses' 75c Leggins.....49c
Children's 50c Leggins.....45c
Children's 40c Rubbers.....24c
Boys' 50c Rubbers.....49c
Boys' 50c Rubbers..... 39c
Men's Roll Edge It. Boots...$2.75
Men's $2.50, 4-buckle Overshoe $1.98
Men's $1.25, 1-buckle Overshoe 98c
Misses' $1.25, Low Heel, Box Calf Shoes $1.00

Slippers, Shoes and Foot Comforts. Our prices will enlarge the number of your gifts. Bring the misses to see our Dolls; they are beauties. Some of these little misses are going to be happily surprised. Your little miss may be one of the good guessers.

J. J. LONERGAN

225 DUTTON STREET

Xmas at the...

MERRIMACK

There are six business days left before Christmas—do you realize that neither on Broadway, New York, or Washington Street, Boston, can you see such an array of beautiful Xmas gifts suitable for every member of the family—as you'll find displayed in our windows---no trashy goods that have been saved over---no premiums---no catch penny devices employed here---we depend on low prices for high class goods to get your patronage---is that what you want?

Gifts for Men

HOUSE COATS

At $5.00 there's a choice of ten styles of fancy back cloths—in oxford, gray, black, blue, olive and wine shades.

Two styles of tricots at $6.00—plaid lined and satin faced collar and lapels.

The $7.50 range is choice fancy backs in the wanted shades—with plaids or striped backs.

The better grades at $9.00 and $10.00 include the popular double face velour cloths in new combinations; tricots with quilted satin lining and two styles of velvets.

Garments selected this week will be held for Christmas delivery if desired.

BATH ROBES

A good selection of Elderdown wraps, specially priced at $3.75—$5.00 value.

Some new designs in the $5.00 range—fancy, all over effects and plain bodies with fancy borders.

Better grades at $7.50 and $10.00.

Lounging gowns of fancy back cloths with buttons and button holes as well as cord and tassel—two styles at $10.

Choice Neckwear

Exclusive shapes and styles—in luxurious silks and satins.....25c to $2.50

Gloves

For driving, walking, dress or work—fur lined, silk lined, wool lined or unlined—a great stock....25c to $4.00

Suit Cases

Leatherette, sheepskin, cowhide—initials marked free.....$1.50 to $8.00

Umbrellas

Nobby handles—on serviceable bodies. $1.00 to $5.00

Suspenders

The sensible, serviceable kind—in single boxes.....50c to $2.00

Handkerchiefs

Linen, lawn, silk—plain or with initial, 5c to $1.00

Sweaters and Wescuts, $1.00 to $5.00

Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons, 25c to $2.00

Way Mufflets, 50c, 75c.

Mufflers, 50c to $2.00.

Dress Shields, $1 to $3.

Arm Elastics, 15c to 75c.

Gifts for Boys

Top Coats

One of those $5.00 All Wool Friezes will make a good Christmas gift for any boy. If your limit is $3.00 or $4.00 there's good choosing here, and if you want a better garment, you can pay as high as $10—and get all you pay for.

Wescuts and Sweaters

Nothing would please him so well—He needs it, too; these days show how much service and comfort he could get out of a Wescut.

The Wescut buttons up close about the neck when out in the cold, and can be opened and rolled back under the coat when indoors. Not so much danger of getting cold after it, as the sweater.

Plain grays, gray with collar and cuffs of red, blue or green—are the most wanted shades; there are also plain white, blue, garnet and same shades with contrasting collar and cuffs.

Boys' Wescuts are priced at $2.50—and are worth it.

A splendid assortment of all wool Sweaters in the desirable color combination at $1.00.

A fine worsted Sweater at $1.50.

Boys' Gloves

Wool, Kid or Mocha.....25c to $1.00

Boys' Fancy Vests, white or with neat stripe $1.50

Boys' Neckwear, a good selection at 25c

Boys' Night Robes, flannelette.. 50c

Gifts for Women

RICH FURS

Furs of standard quality are the only kinds that find their way here and ours are all fresh this season, they are the newest thing out.

Fur Coats of Nearseal—plain and combination of Beaver and Persian Lamb...$37.50, $45.00, $55.00 and $65.00

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All the newest top collars and sets in the ecru and white scrim, 25c to $1.50

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Muslin Underwear, 50c to $9.00 a garment

Hosiery.....25c to $3.00 a pair

Golf Vests and Sweaters, $1.00 to $5.00

Dressing Sacques.....$1.00 to $3.00

Bath Robes.....$3.95 to $5.00

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SUN LATEST FIVE O'CLOCK

LOWELL MAN

Suspected of Belonging to Gang of Robbers

IPSWICH, Mass., Dec. 18—It developed today that two men who were arrested by the local police last night, supposedly as tramps, were really detained on suspicion of being connected with the burglary and assault in East Boston Thursday morning.

The men gave their names as Frank Brown and James Wilson. Brown claimed to live at 62 Winter street, Haverhill, and Wilson said he had recently come from Canada and had been living in Lowell. Considerable money in small change was found in Brown's pockets, together with a pocketbook containing a number of beggar's cards with such inscriptions as "Please help the blind." State Officer Neal came here today to investigate the matter and the two men were given a hearing before Trial Justice Sayward.

NOT AN ULTIMATUM

RUSSIA'S LATEST STATEMENT TO JAPAN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—The opinion here is that the Russo-Japanese negotiations will proceed. It is pointed out that there is no reason why Japan, if not satisfied with Russia's reply should break off the negotiations, as the reply is in no sense an ultimatum, leaving the way open for counter proposals. It is suggested, as an expedient, in case no agreement can be reached, that an arrangement might be made to maintain the present status for a number of years.

REQUEST DENIED

A. O. U. W. LODGES TURNED DOWN BY MASTER WORKMEN.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18.—A decision denying the request of members of 15 lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in Connecticut for a special meeting of the grand lodge to repeal the laws relating to assessments has been given by Hugh A. Keenan of this city, grand master workman. In the decision it is declared that the grand lodge of Connecticut, having adopted the new assessment rates, cannot now rescind its action without the consent of the supreme lodge.

BODY FOUND IN WELL.

FISHKILL LANDING, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The body of Fannie C. Hall, employed in the home of Station Agent Underhill at Glenham, N. Y., was found in a well on his premises today. She had been missing since Monday.

APPOINTED POSTMASTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Nathan Yeaton was today appointed fourth class postmaster at Gonic, N. H.

You Look Comical

That's a fact, you certainly do. That little knot of hair on the back of your head! Don't you wish it were larger? Wouldn't you like to have long, rich, heavy hair? Don't forget this song: "One thing is certain, Ayer's Hair Vigor makes the hair grow." J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

A LIVELY BLAZE

Threatened to Destroy Lincoln St. House

An alarm from box 31 at 6.19 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in a house in Lincoln street, belonging to the A. W. Dows estate. The fire, which was caused by tenants trying to thaw out the water pipes, at one time threatened to destroy the building, as the blaze had gained considerable headway before the department arrived.

When the tenants of the house awoke this morning they found that the water in the pipes was frozen. Going down stairs one of the men removed the wooden covering and started a fire under the pipe in an effort to thaw the water. The fire communicated with the woodwork around the pipe and going up the partition started a blaze in the roof. The extinguishers were used to good effect and after 10 or 15 minutes the fire was under control. T. C. Lee had the insurance on the building.

This is the time when many of the water pipes are frozen and in order to avoid fires Chief Hosmer advises people who want to thaw out pipes in use hot water instead of resorting to building fires or burning paper around the pipe, for the latter method is apt to result in the destruction of the building.

WORCESTER CREDITORS

OFFER 50 CENTS ON DOLLAR OF RAILWAY'S DEBTS.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—In Boston financial circles there was much interest in a meeting here today of the creditors of the bankrupt Worcester and Southbridge and Worcester, Rochdale and Charlton Depot street railways. The meeting is the first that all the creditors have participated in. The Worcester county creditors came to Boston with a proposition that all creditors accept 50 cents on the dollar. There are outstanding $968,000 in secured notes, $100,000 in unsecured notes and $200,000 in unpaid bills. Boston banks and kindred interests, which hold about one third of the debt were not at all favorable to the Worcester plan. Some of the creditors propose a compromise that the failed company pay 30 cents on the dollar and 70 cents in securities of the reorganized property.

William E. Rice of Worcester made the offer of 50 cents on the dollar. He and his associates have $650,000 cash for which they stand ready to take a second mortgage, wipe out the floating indebtedness and assist in the reorganization. The roads went into the hands of the receivers nearly four months ago.

The women's department of the Merrimack will save you money today on any article in our stock and give you better goods at that—but no stamps—it's yours to determine.

ALLEGED LARCENY

The Defendant a Pretty Brunette

BUT SHE HAD CIGARETTE STAINED FINGERS

Paid 75 Cents for a $25 Coat

Marie Louis Ducharme, a pretty brunette, was arraigned on a complaint charging her with the larceny of a coat, valued at $25, the property of Mary L. McGee. Marie Louise pleaded not guilty and said she was ready for trial. The complainant, recently discharged from a local hospital where she had undergone an operation, failed in her first attempt to tell the story of the coal. There were tears in her eyes when she was sworn and before she had fairly started with her story she was obliged to sit down on account of weakness.

The case was taken up a little later and she then told how Marie Louise got possession of the coat. Mary McGee's story was, in substance, as follows: "I met Marie Ducharme on the street. I was on my way home from the doctor's office and I was very weak. I had been out of the hospital only a few days. I asked Marie to help me to my room. I was too weak to climb the two flights of stairs alone. When we got in my room I went to bed. She asked me to loan her my coat and I refused. I had had morphine injected in my arm and I fell asleep almost as soon as I lay down. When I awoke my coat was gone and I found a $1 bill on the bureau. I did not have any money and I could not account for the bill. I thought it all over and came to the conclusion that she left it there and took the coat. She knew that the doctor had injected morphine in to my arm and I presume she thought she could make me believe that I sold her the coat. I want my coat, that's all I want." The complainant cried before she completed her story and because she acted as though she was very tired she was supplied with a chair and completed her testimony sitting instead of standing.

Marie Louise Ducharme was called and stepped to the witness stand at one, two, three time. She declared that she bought the coat from Mary L. McGee for 75 cents. She admitted that the garment was worth ten times that amount, "but," she said, "when people want the money they don't stop at the price." Marie Louise had witnesses who came to the front and swore that thy saw her pay Mary L. McGee 75 cents for the coat. The stories of all the witnesses didn't jibe just right and court made up his mind that there was something wrong.

Marie Louise posed as a very fine lady and indeed she was very fine to look upon. A little bit fleshy, for real beauty, but her mouth was almost perfect and she had teeth like pearls.

Her eyes were large and sympathetic and she had that peculiar kind of a Roman nose that lends great character to the face. Marie Louise was a beautiful witness and the spark of admiration flickered in the eye of the court. She told a story that reflected more or less credit upon herself and it remained for Lt. Donaldson to make a rude interruption. Marie's lovely eyes were fairly filled with the memory of her kindness to Mary McGee when the lieutenant held up his hand in a hushing manner and said: "Take off your gloves!" "What for?" asked Marie as she tugged at the black woolens.

When at length her hands were bare the tell tale color of cigarette stood out in bold relief on the middle of the index fingers, the lieutenant asked her if she smoked cigarettes.

"Certainly I do," replied Marie Louise, "the best women in the land smoke cigarettes."

The proceeding was a bit peculiar inasmuch as the color of the coffin nails on Marie's fingers didn't have anything to do with the case, but the disclosure of these stained fingers didn't do her a bit of good.

Judge Hadley decided that the complainant, the sick girl, had been taken advantage of and he believed that she should receive back her coat. He continued the case to tomorrow morning in order, he said, to give them a chance to settle it between themselves.

Peter Kalleras, charged with vagrancy, was sentenced to the Massachusetts reformatory.

FOR DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas Cassidy was before the court for the third time within a year and he was sentenced to the common jail for a term of four months. "I appeal," said Sid.

"You may think you are a subject for probation when you get to the upper court," said Judge Hadley, "but I doubt it. Order him in $200, Mr. Clerk."

Frank Cunney was sentenced to 11 days in jail and John F. Cunningham was returned to the state farm.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Mamie Lahiff of 5 Hancock avenue gave a very enjoyable birthday party to about 50 of her friends Wednesday night. Music and refreshments helped to pass away the time and the hostess was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents, among which was a beautiful gold bracelet.

IN CITY COUNCIL

Both Branches May Meet Next Tuesday

FATE OF DUMMER STREET LOAN

Will be Sealed for This Year

It is expected that both branches of the city government will meet on next Tuesday evening when the Dummer street extension will come up, though there is only a remote possibility that that order will get by one branch as there is determined opposition to it in both branches. Should it pass, the motion to reconsider at "the next meeting" will undoubtedly be forthcoming and the order thus killed, as far as this year's government is concerned, without giving the mayor a chance to commit either way in the matter, though his honor would quite likely veto it.

WM. BRYAN

HOPES TO HAVE AUDIENCE WITH THE CZAR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—William J. Bryan will arrive here Sunday. He hopes to have an audience of the Czar.

FLOWERS AND PLANTS

BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF ALL KINDS FROM THE GROWER.

The best and most satisfactory kind of flowers and plants to buy are those fresh from the grower. McManmon, the florist, grows thousands of all kinds in their season. Just now he has a beautiful lot of Azalea plants that always give so much satisfaction; Poinsettias, with the scarlet bloom, that are so appropriate at Christmas time. He also has a fine selection of Gloria De Lorraine, Begonias, Primroses and a beautiful variety of Carnations, Violets and Roses, together with a large assortment of spruce trees, evergreen, holly, mistletoe and bells for Christmas decorating.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to call and inspect his beautiful assortment at headquarters for fine flowers and plants of all kinds. McManmon's, 6 Prescott street.

The Lowell Sun said yesterday editorially that the stamp people were getting rich in the stamp business—who is losing? Is it the merchants? Don't be so sure; the dear public—those are lambs born every minute. If you've got the fever keep right on—if you're wise try the merchant that don't give them—the Merrimack for example.

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Middlesex St., 3 rooms.....$6.50
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Close to Northern Depot, 4 rooms.....$8.00
Centralville, handy to mills, 3 rooms..$5.50
5 rooms, $6.50, 5 rooms.....$7.50
Concord St., 3 rooms.....$6.00
House and barn and 3 acres of land on Hildreth St.....$12.50
Chelmsford St., cottage and barn.....$8.00
The above has been made extra snug and warm for the winter.

T. H. ELLIOTT, 64 Central Street.

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Our market is equipped to furnish only the best foods for Christmas supplies. Turkeys, Chickens, Geese, Celery, Lettuce, Cucumbers, etc.

GROCERY DEPT.

Best Bread Flour.....$5.50 per Bbl.
Best Bread Flour.....70c per Bag
Good Canned Salmon.....8c per Can
Good Canned Tomatoes....8c per Can
None-Such Mince Meat, 10c per pkg.; 3 pkgs. 25c
Fine Prunes.....5c per lb.; 6 lbs. 25c
Broken Candy.....10c lb.; 3 lbs. 25c
Peanut Taffy.....10c per lb.
Dried Raspberries.....35c per lb.
Oranges, Bananas, Grapes, Nuts, etc.

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FRIARS NOT PLEASED

WITH THE AWARD FOR THEIR LANDS.

ROME, Dec. 18.—Considerable excitement prevailed in the mother houses of the Dominicans, Augustinians, Franciscans and Recollects over the announcement of the settlement of the Friars lands question in the Philippines. While the fact that a settlement had been arrived at was announced to the heads of the orders by the vatican, the orders learned from the Associated Press correspondent the price, $7,250,000 to be paid. The Friars were glad the negotiations had been concluded but they think the orders got little for the lands, as what they originally asked, $12,000,000, was, they declare, under the estimated value of the lands, the value of which had been much increased, especially since the American occupation of the Philippines and the re-establishment of order in the archipelago. The Friars claim the money they will receive is scarcely enough to pay what they borrowed when they were deprived of everything by the revolution. Besides, they point out that only part of the money will go to the Friars, as the lands were really transferred to private companies, although the Friars retained a large number of shares in them. The Augustinians had their lands transferred to a company formed in Madrid, by the Marquis Di Comillias, the head of the Spanish trans-Atlantic Navigation Co. The Dominicans succeeded in so thoroughly concealing their ownership of lands that the vatican itself threatened to punish them severely for having tried to deceive even the ecclesiastical authorities.

GOING TO PHILIPPINES.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 18—The six troops of United States cavalry which have been stationed at Forth Ethan Allen for nearly two years left this city today by train for New York, whence they will sail on the transport Kilpatrick for the Philippines on Sunday. The troops were I, B, D, A, K and C, in command of Lieut. Col. Robert Schuyler.

The departure of the cavalry leaves at the fort the 43rd artillery, the permanent force. It is expected that the fifteenth United States cavalry, recently returned from the Philippines and assigned to Fort Ethan Allen, will arrive before long.

HOW OLD IS ANN?

Go up and look at the windows of the women's department of the Merrimack. You can see her smiling pleasantly. Go inside and register your guess.

The person guessing the nearest the correct age, will receive merchandise to the value of $25 as they may select, the day after Christmas.

WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair tonight. Saturday fair, with rising temperature; fresh north to northeast winds.

DIAMOND BROKER

SKIPPED OUT AFTER DISPOSING OF JEWELS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Claims thus far aggregating $150,000 have been presented against Hyman Gattle, a diamond broker, who disappeared last July.

Bankruptcy proceedings brought against Gattle have disclosed. It is alleged, that he had procured from dealers in Amsterdam, Holland, Utica, N. Y., and this city, diamonds worth more than $200,000 on the memorandum plan and had pawned much of the goods. Pawn tickets showing a face value of $37,000 have thus far been found but it is said $30,000 worth of stones cannot be located.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS

AGREE TO VOTE AS A UNIT HEREAFTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—The agreement of the democratic caucus of the senate that hereafter the democratic senators shall vote as a unit on party questions has aroused so much interest that it has been thought worth while to give out the text of the resolution which was adopted by the caucus. It is as follows:

"That hereafter the decisions of the caucus when made by two-thirds majority shall be binding on all the members except when previous pledges have been made by senators to their constituents or instructions have been received from their state legislatures, or when a question of constitutional construction is involved."

The many friends of Mrs. M. J. Lennon of Pleasant street will be pleased to learn that she is rapidly recovering from her injuries and is resting comfortably at the home of her sister on Wilder street. It will be remembered that on Thanksgiving eve Mrs. Lennon fell at her home and broke her arm.

Holiday gifts at Oriental Bazaar.

THIS FOR THAT—Trade anything you have for anything you want; get our gigantic paper that prints thousands of exchange ads; six months' trial subscription 10c; agents wanted. This for That Pub. Co., 1040 Star bldg., Chicago.

LADIES—When in need send for free trial of our never failing remedy; relief sure and quick. Paris Chemical Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

FOUND—A small sum of money on Merrimack street. Inquire at Sun office.

WANTED—A barber. Sun building.

SKATES—Hollow ground, 5c per pair. Morrison's Auto Co., 196-199 Moody street.

Lowell Orchestral Society

THE SECOND RECITAL OCCURS

NEXT SUNDAY AT HUNTINGTON HALL

The Society will be assisted by

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The famous harpist from the Boston Symphony orchestra,

MISS LUCIE TUCKER

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Sale of Beaver Hats

THE LAST THREE WEEKS' SPLENDID SUCCESS TO BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER TRIUMPHANT EVENT TOMORROW.

We never had a better lot of fine Millinery than we will have tomorrow, with such wide range of style and material.

5 cases of untrimmed Beaver Hats direct from the factory in all colors and shapes, finest of French Beavers, for $1.75

200 beautiful trimmed Beavers, from .....$3.98 to $5.98

150 Ostrich Plumes, 20 inches long, regular $5.00; for this sale.....$2.50

500 Beautiful Trimmed Hats, regular $9.00 hats.....$3.98

Another lot $2.98

Another lot $1.98

Look at our show windows and see the beautiful trimmed hats for.... 98c

200 Trimmed Ready-to-wear Hats for tomorrow's sale..... 48c

Look in the bottom of the show window and see 48c. shapes, former price $1.75 to $1.98.

Pompons in all colors..... 25c

Violets.....10c and 25c

Roses in all colors..... 25c

Christmas suggestions—Beautiful lot of Fur Hats at very lowest of prices.

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Will be easy, if you will call in today, and look over the select assortments of pretty China and Bric-a-Brac on sale at Mrs. W. F. Courtney's, 206 Merrimack St., Lowell. China nicely arranged. Obliging and competent clerks. Reasonable prices. Fern Dishes for Table Decoration, Hungarian Vases, Odd Pieces in Table Ware, Punch Bowls, Chop Sets, Fish Sets, Odd Plates and fine French China. Also a fine selection of MORIAGE WARE from Japan. Come today, if you can.

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Best Peanut Taffy.....10c lb.
Mixed Drops .....10c lb.
Caramels .....10c and 15c lb.
Gum Drops .....10c and 15c lb.
Good Mixture .....10c lb.
Choice Mixture .....12c lb.
Best Mixture .....25c lb.
Columbia Chocolates .....18c lb.
Queen Brand Chocolates 15 varieties ..... 30c lb.
Imperial Brand Chocolates, 12 varieties ..... 50c lb.
Peanut Squares .....10c lb.
Ginger Sorghum .....10c lb.
Salted Peanuts .....10c lb.

CHEESE

Best Mild Cheese .....15c lb.
Best Old Cheese.....18c lb.
Best Sage Cheese .....18c lb.
Young America Cheese ....18c lb.
Roquefort Cheese .....40c lb.
Pineapple Cheese 35c and 50c each
Edam Cheese (in foil)....90c each
Neufchatel Cheese .....5c each

NEW NUTS

Best Mixed Nuts, (no shell-barks) .....2 lbs. 25c, 13c lb.
Best Walnuts .....18c lb.
Best Almonds .....18c lb.
Best Pecans .....13c lb.
Best Filberts .....13c lb.
Best Chestnuts .....13c lb.

Dates, Figs, Raisins and Dried Fruits

Best Persian Dates 4 lbs. 25c, 7c lb.
Good Layer Figs .....13c lb.
Best Layer Figs.....18c lb.
Washed Figs .....25c basket
Good Loose Raisins .....8c lb.
Fine Loose Raisins .....10c lb.
Best Loose Raisins .....12c lb.
Fine Seeded Raisins.....11c pkg.
Best Seeded Raisins.....13c pkg.
California Seedless Raisins 13c pkg.
Fine Cleaned Currants ....10c pkg.
Best Cleaned Currants ....12c pkg.
Fine Washed Currants 3 lbs. 25c, 9c lb.
Best Candied Citron .....18c lb.
Crosse & Blackwell's Candied Orange and Lemon Peel..18c lb.
Evaporated Apricots .....15c lb.
Evaporated Peaches .....10c lb.
Large Silver Prunes .....15c lb.
California Prunes .....2 lbs. 25c, 15c lb.
..... 2 1-2 lbs. 25c, 12c lb.
.....3 lbs. 25c, 10c lb.
.....4 lbs. 25c, 7c lb.
.....6 lbs. 25c, 5c lb.
Cluster Raisins for the table, ...25c and 35c lb.

Sweet Florida Oranges, 25c, 30c and 40c doz.
Best Lemons..... 20c doz.
Good Lemons .....15c doz.

FINE GOODS

Pickles, Olives, Ketchups, Condiments

Crosse & Blackwell's Pickles, 23c, 35c and 55c bottle
Budlong's Pickles:
Quart bottle 25c
Small bottle 12c
Mammoth Olives, 45c and 70c bottle
Queen Olives 25c, 35c and 60c bottle
Spanish Olives..20c and 30c bottle
Baby Olives .....10c bottle
Stuffed Olives .....10c bottle
Pim Olas .....18c and 35c bottle
Queen Olives..... 35c quart
Sour Pickles .....15c quart
Sweet Pickles .....25c quart
Sour Krout .....10c quart
Heinz Ketchup .....25c bottle
Blue Label Ketchup 15c, 20c. bottle
Good Ketchup, 3 bottles 25c. 10c bottle
Heinz India Relish.....25c bottle
Walnut Catsup, 20c and 35c bottle
Mushroom Catsup, 20c and 35c bottle
Snider's Oyster Cocktail Sauce, 25c bottle
Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce ... 25c, 45c and 70c bottle
Halford Sauce .....35c bottle
Talmeo Sauce .....40c bottle
Essence Anchovies .....20c bottle
Bloater Paste .....35c bottle
English Sauce .....10c bottle
Pepper Sauce .....10c bottle

Yerxa's Best Flour.....$5.75 bbl.; $3.00 ½ bbl.; 75c bag
Boston Granulated Sugar .....5c lb., 21 lbs. $1.00, $4.70 per 100 lb. bag
Best Vermont Creamery Butter.....27c lb., $1.35 per 5 lb. box
Best Houlton Green Mountain Potatoes .....22c peck, 85c bushel

THE SUN LATEST 5 O'CLOCK

LIQUOR CASES

Three Defendants Ordered to Pay Fines

IT COST ONE OF THEM ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

Stubborn Girl Was Sent Away

"It isn't lately that I've been stubborn," said Rose Sullivan in police court today, when asked to plead to a complaint charging her with being a stubborn child.

Rose's father told the court that Rose has been a wayward girl for more than a year. She was in police court a year ago charged with being a stubborn child and since that time and up to within three weeks ago she lived with her aunt in Providence, R. I. Since she returned to Lowell she has been living here and there. A few days ago she was found in a Paige street house and was told by a police officer that the house was not a fit place for a young girl and that if she didn't leave there he would place her under arrest. She left the house the next morning and went to a friend's house in Tewksbury.

"I have been living with my aunt and she's as good as you are and a good deal better," said Rose to her father while he was on the witness stand.

Rose's aunt told the court that Rose's actions displeased her and it was her wish that the girl be sent to the House of the Good Shepherd in Boston.

"I don't want to be sent away for nothing," said Rose.

"I'll go there if they want to get rid of me," she said, "but I'll fix them when I get out."

FOR KEEPING LIQUOR.

The following fines were imposed for illegally keeping liquor: Daniel J. Gannon, $75; Albert Caron, $5; John Donohoe, $100; Joseph Francois, charged with illegal keeping, was found not guilty.

Monogram dies. Lawler's.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE

POSTPONES ITS MEETING UNTIL MONDAY NIGHT.

Owing to the illness of Alderman Burns, the meeting of the committee on claims scheduled for tonight has been postponed until next Monday night. It is propable that the committee will clean up all the business now before it and meet no more after Monday night.

Oriental Bazaar, 318 Merrimack St.

COUNCILMAN PETERSON

MAKES STUDY OF THE CITY'S FINANCES.

Among the visitors at City hall yesterday was Councilman-elect Peterson of ward eight who spent an hour acquainting himself with the state of the city's finances. It is not expected however, that the newly-elected councilman will offer anything startling for the first few days at least.

PRINCESS NOT ILL.

BERLIN, Dec. 18—The report published by the Journal of Paris that the Princess Charlotte of Saxe-Meiningen, sister of Emperor William, is suffering from cancer and that the verdict of the physicians has created consternation in the German court, is officially defined as "nonsense." The princess is not even ill.

Birthday books, all kinds. Lawler's.

The Itch Fiend

That is Salt Rheum or Eczema,—one of the outward manifestations of scrofula.

It comes in itching, burning, oozing, drying, and scaling patches, on the face, head, hands, legs or body.

It cannot be cured by outward applications,—the blood must be rid of the impurity to which it is due.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Has cured the most persistent and difficult cases. Accept no substitute for Hood's; no substitute acts like it.

COVER UNMOVED

Will Not Agree to Dowd's Pardon

WILL ENGAGE COUNSEL TO FIGHT PARDON

Says He is Positive of Identification

Although the aid of several friends of J. B. Cover, including Mayor Howe, has been sought by those interested in the pardon of Dowd, one of the Lawrence men sentenced to life imprisonment for assault upon Mr. Cover, to get Mr. Cover to withdraw his objection to Dowd's pardon, that gentleman remains unmoved and states that if necessary he will engage counsel to assist him in keeping Dowd in prison.

A short time ago Thomas F. Logue, Dowd's alleged pal, was pardoned on the ground that he was suffering from a fatal disease, but since his release he has gained in health and there is every reason that he will recover.

Mr. Cover when seen by reporters last night in regard to the movement to pardon Dowd, made the following emphatic statement:

"When I went before the governor's council I thought Logue's days were numbered. I had no idea that he was to be pardoned to regain his health and get back into the world once more. It wasn't right. He was one of the men who knocked me down, stole my money and shattered my health, and he should suffer for it. Instead he is liberated after serving only a short time in state prison.

"I am told that they are now trying to pardon Dowd. I will state right here that I shall oppose the pardon of Dowd, and shall appear with counsel before the governor's council as a remonstrant. There is no reason why Dowd should not serve his sentence. They claim that they can prove his innocence, I am positive they can't. Do you think I can ever forget his face? And do you think I can ever forget Logue's face? It is impossible. I am positive that they were the men, just as positive as the day when I identified them in the guard room at the police station."

LADY MANAGERS

HELD FINAL SESSION IN ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18—The final session of the board of lady managers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was held today. The session was a busy one, as many matters upon which action had been deferred came up for settlement.

Miss Helen M. Gould and her party departed for New York late last night. All the other members of the board that have been present at this convention remained during the final session.

The newly elected president, Mrs. Daniel Manning of Albany, N. Y., said today:

"I shall return to my home, get my house in order and return as soon as possible. It is probable that I shall find it necessary to make a number of trips to St. Louis before the fair opens. I shall secure a residence in St. Louis and remain here during the exposition."

PAID FOR YEARS

IT IS ALLEGED NO WORK WAS DONE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Judge Warren B. Hooker, former representative in congress from western New York, finds himself more embarrassed by the disclosures made in the unpublished details of Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow's report on postal frauds. It appears from the official reprsentatives of the postoffice inspectors who investigated the charges that certain persons were carried on the rolls of the postoffice at Fredonia and Dunkirk without being required to perform any service.

Among the offenders was Morris Hooker, a relative of Judge Hooker, who was appointed a laborer in the Fredonia postoffice while Judge Hooker was a member of congress. The accounting officers of the auditor show that Hooker received $600 without performing any service. In the same office at Fredonia it is shown that Frank P. Ball was carried on the rolls as clerk and received a salary of $2532. The inspectors found that Ball had performed no service.

At Dunkirk, in the same congressional district, the inspectors state that J. A. Link has been carried on the rolls as laborer several years, during which he has rendered no service to the government. In the meantime he has received sums aggregating $3100 which the auditors of the postoffice department decides must be returned to the government.

CONSUMPTION CURE

IT IS SAID ONE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED.

NEW HAVEN, Ct., Dec. 18.—In a paper read before the New Haven Medical Association on "Some Investigations of a Bacterial Treatment of Tuberculosis" Dr. Stephen J. Maher of this city has announced the discovery of a souring bacillus, which is apparently beneficial in the treatment of consumption. The bacillus was isolated from the milk of a tuberculous cow. Live cultures of it were injected hypodermically into more than 80 consumptives, and Dr. Maher asserts that such injections are absolutely safe, and that many apparent cures have promptly followed injections given in the earlier stages of the disease, while benefit has been given in the later stages.

The bacillus has been studied for Dr. Maher by Prof. H. W. Conn of Wesleyan University, who says that it differs slightly from any described species of bacillus myscoides. Throughout Dr. Maher's paper it was referred to as the "X bacillus."

Ladies' writing cases. Lawley's.

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MURDER CHARGE

Fitzgerald Entered Plea of Not Guilty

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 18—To the charge of murdering Annie McDermott, otherwise known as Annie Boyce, Patrick Fitzgerald pleaded not guilty in the district court today, and was held without bail for trial Dec. 29. The assault which caused the woman's death occurred at the couple's apartments in Olneyville, Thursday, Dec. 10th., their neighbors being startled by the sight of the woman rushing into the street with blood gushing from her throat. She was removed to the hospital where she died from her injuries on the Sunday night folowing. Fitzgerald was held for assault last Friday and at the woman's death the charge was changed to murder.

IN GOLF GARB

THAT'S THE WAY HIGHWAYMAN PARADED.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18—A holdup man posing as a golfer, with a caddy to search his victims and a magazine gun to enforce his commands, is the newest addition to Chicago's varied assortment of thugs. They found several victims off the West side yesterday afternoon.

"Too off!" Daniel Ballow, 1586 West Madison street, heard this command, given in a short, incisive manner, and, looking up, peered into the muzzle of a magazine revolver levelled at his head. The man who had the weapon was dressed in the regular golf costume, a golf cap was perched on his head, and his feet wore slippers such as are used on the links. Ballow thought it was a joke when he saw the golf costume. When the robber shook his revolver the victim changed his mind. "Off to the side," said the highwayman. Ballow did as he was told, and they stepped into a hallway.

"Get in your work, boy," called out the robber. A boy, who had been hidden in the shadow of the hallway, stepped out and searched the pockets of Ballow while the other held the revolver uncomfortably close to his head.

"Now run," said the robber, placing his revolver to Ballow's back and counting up the $[illegible] secured. "Turn about! That's right. Now travel across the links and if you look around I will be tempted to lodge one of these little golf balls in your system."

Ballow hurried away, and for nearly 24 hours the police have been vainly looking for the golf man and his caddy.

PARK COMMISSION

WILL MEET AGAIN ON SATURDAY EVENING.

The park commission held a brief meeting last evening and after transacting routine business, adjourned until Saturday evening.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Cotton futures opened firm. Dec. 12.57, Jan. 12.60; March 12.85; April 12.89; May 12.96; June 12.91; July 12.94; Aug. 12.61.

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ITALIAN KILLED

AFTER OPENING A CAN OF POWDER.

AVONMORE, Pa., Dec. 18.—One man was killed, two probably fatally injured and two more seriously burned by a flash of flame following an attempt to open a can of powder at Edey, a small mining settlement, near here. Fire followed the explosion and three of the men were rescued from the burning building by companions, one of the latter being burned. The victims were Italian coal miners.

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DESPERATE GANG

Superintendent Moffatt Has Instructed His Men

To Keep Their Revolvers in Fighting Trim and to be on the Watch for Gang of Burglars—Officers Will Not Take Any Chances

The shooting gang of safe blowers and robbers that has operated in various parts of Essex county for the last few months have put the police in this vicinity on their mettle. The death of one of the gang, due to the straight aim of a Boston police officer yesterday morning, has strengthened the determination of the police to either corrall or exterminate the gang. Last evening Supt. Moffatt issued a special bulletin advising all his officers to have their revolvers primed and loaded. The officers were made familiar, at the roll call last evening and at 1.30 this morning, with the character of the men and the depredations committed by them since the middle of November, when two safes were blown in Peabody.

The local police officers were given to understand that the gang was not a safe one to take chances with and they were ordered to guard their beats with increased watchfulness; to inspect lights in stores and look into all cases of unlocked doors. If they have suspicions that all is not right a thorough investigation must be made.

HAVE OPERATED EXTENSIVELY.

The gang has operated in surrounding towns and cities and while the blowing out of the life-candle of one member of the gang may result in a period of quiet the police believe there is every reason to suppose that they will renew hostilities and there is no reason to believe that they would take extra pains to give Lowell a wide berth. "Have your revolvers cleaned, loaded and ready for action" was the plain reading of the bulletin issued at headquarters last evening.

The police are not in possession of any accurate description of the gang of looters, but they have a very meagre description of three of them and the gang's work has been so extensively carried on that their modus operandi is well known to the police. All this was explained to the officers at the roll call last evening and this morning. The robbers are as methodical as it is possible for men in their business to be. They do not indulge in guess work so far as the location of loot is concerned. The gang consists of two parts, an advance guard and the operators. The advance guard visits the town or city, locates the scene of action and lays plans for the carrying out of the burglary, so that when the safe blowers strike town they are ready for business and familiar with the ground. Their organization is as perfect as it can be and this fact alone makes it extremely difficult for the police to cope with them. The fact, however, that the police in the various cities have been told to "take no chances," renders the operations of the gang a trifle dangerous.

WATCHMAN BRUTALLY ASSAULTED

The state police are positive that the long line of burglaries committed in various sections of the county since the middle of November has been the work of the murderous gang that rifled the office of the Metropolitan Coal company, leaving the watchman for dead, at East Boston, yesterday morning.

State Officer Whitney was in Lowell yesterday afternoon and was closeted with Supt. Moffatt for more than an hour. Gen. Whitney believes that the gang is one of the most dangerous that ever infested this section of the country and he thinks they would not hesitate to murder.

HEADQUARTERS IN LYNN.

He is of the opinion that the safe blowers have headquarters in Lynn. It is a well known fact that Lynn has more ex-convicts within her gates than any city in Massachusetts and when crimes, such as have been committed by the gang in question, are reported, the state police pay particular attention to that city. Others of the state officers are of the opinion that the gang came to Massachusetts from New York, but all this will be purely conjecture unless the member of the gang who was shot to death at East Boston yesterday morning is identified.

The gang has operated in Peabody, Danvers, Haverhill, Merrimac, Groveland and East Boston. The state police and the police in the various cities and towns throughout the state are united in the endeavor to bring this desperate gang to justice.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY PETITION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—One of the most extraordinary petitions ever filed in the bankruptcy court here has just been offered by Henry T. Jarrett, treasurer and manager of the Graphol Chemical Co. The petition alleged that the concern is insolvent and had committed acts of bankruptcy on Oct. 1 by paying in full the wages of two girl employes and between No. 1 and Dec. 1 by paying claims of several other small creditors and workmen. The concern was capitalized at $100,000 and manufactured powder for use in coloring photographs.

THE WHEAT YIELD.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 18—The official estimate of the wheat yield of New South Wales is 28,500,000 bushels, an increase of 12,500,000 bushels compared with the record of the year 1901. About 18,500,000 bushels are available for export.

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ANIMAL TOOK SPIN OF SEVERAL MILES

Ran From Branch Street Engine House

A peculiar incident occurred at the Branch street engine house this morning in which "Ben," a horse belonging to the steamer Torrent, made things lively for several hours and gave several of the firemen a journey out to Pelham before he was captured.

Chief Hosmer keeps his wagon at the Branch street house during the night and this morning when the alarm from box 34 rang in shortly after 6 o'clock, as is the custom every horse in the stable rushed to its position in front of the respective wagons.

The hose wagon at this house responds to 34, but the steamer does not go unless a second alarm is rung in. Harry Sanders, the chief's driver, hitched his horse and as the steamer was not going several of the engine men assisted in getting the hose wagon out, as two of the men on the hose were at breakfast.

"Ben" after going to his position in front of the engine and finding that he was not needed immediately turned around and going back to the stable entered the stall next to his and when the chief's wagon started to leave the stable followed it out but instead of going up Smith street the horse started up Middlesex street at a furious rate of speed. He continued up Middlesex to Wilder and from there down to Gage's ice houses and up Pawtucket to School, over the bridge to the Mammoth road.

Some one at Richardson's farm in Collinsville telephoned to the fire station that the horse was seen going towards Pelham a little after 6.30 and about 7 o'clock it was learned that the animal had been captured at Cutter's farm just over the Pelham line. Several of the members of the company were sent in search of the stray animal and finally located it and drove it back to the engine house.

Chief Hosmer said that this was the first time that a horse had ever done any thing like this, but thought it strange that the horse instead of following his wagon took another route.

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REPORTS UNTRUE

ABOUT THE RESTORATION OF DREYFUS.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The reports circulated to the effect that War Minister Andre had announced the restoration of Dreyfus to the army are manifestly untrue. The case is now before the special commission of judges, which has not concluded its sessions and has not rendered a decision. The war minister has not made any announcement on the subject, official or unofficial.

CHIEF DINNEEN

WILL RECOVER UNLESS BLOOD POISONING SETS IN.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Dec. 18.—Both victims of last night's trouble at the Central police station here were alive today and both were said to have good chances for recovery. Chief of Police William F. Dinneen, who was shot by Patrolman Gardner Northrop, passed a comfortable night at the hospital. Physicians who remained with him during the night said today that unless blood poisoning develops he will get well. The condition of Northrop who attempted to shoot himself and then gashed his throat with a jackknife, after the assault, while not dangerous, was too serious to permit his arraignment in court today. He is under police guard at the station.

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Walter Whitworth, a cobbler, doing business at 21 Whipple street and residing at 54 Sidney street, got a quantity of laudanum into his midst by mistake last night and only by the prompt and effective work of Dr. John Boyle was his life saved.

About 8 o'clock last evening Whitworth took some peppermint and mixed it with what he supposed to be Jamaica ginger. Immediately after taking the drink he felt strange effects and taking another look at the "ginger" bottle learned to his horror that he had drank an ounce of laudanum. Dr. Boyle was hastily summoned and the latter upon learning the nature of the case applied a stomach pump with good effect and relief was given almost immediately.

Whitworth was removed in the ambulance to St. John's hospital where he was made comfortable. It was stated that he will recover.

A SIMILAR MISTAKE.

By a similar mistake Mary, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Florence P. Donoghue of 362 Lincoln street, had a narrow escape from death last evening. Her parents gave her a dose of creolin, supposing it to be cough medicine. Dr. Wesley Sawyer who was called made the little sufferer comfortable. Her condition is not dangerous.

Pictorial Lowell, 25 cents. Lawler's.

RUSSIAN TROOPS

ARE STILL MOVING TOWARDS PORT ARTHUR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18—A traveller who has just returned from Manchuria says Russian troops are still moving night and day towards Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN CIRCLES

STILL HOPE FOR PEACE WITH JAPAN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A special despatch from St. Petersburg says:

"Optimistic anticipations of a pacific solution of the Russo-Japanese crisis are still entertained in the leading Russian officials circles, in spite of some disquietude on the part of the public and alarmist press reports."

Don't miss to call, Oriental Bazaar.

MILLIONAIRE SHAW DEAD.

BATH, Maine, Dec. 18.—Hon. M. G. Shaw, millionaire lumber man and extensive owner of wild lands, died today aged 81 years. Mr. Shaw came here from Greenville, his native town, 20 years ago and organized the M. G. Shaw Lumber Co. Since then he has become proprietor of vast tracts of wild land in the vicinity of Moosehead Lake. He was also interested in the Machias Lumber Co., and was a director of the First National bank of this city. His fortune is estimated at $2,000,000. Mr. Shaw is survived by three sons and a daughter. Charles D. and W. M. Shaw of Greenville and Hon. A. M. Shaw and Mrs. F. H. Kimball of Bath.

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The Lebaudy Brothers' Vindication of the Dirigible Balloon Idea

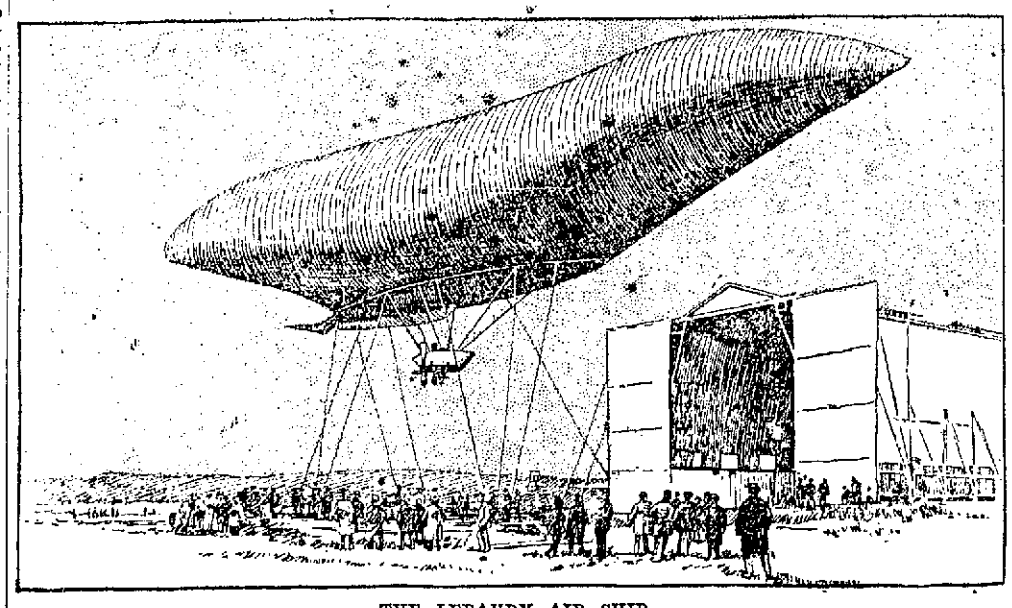
WHEN the Lebaudy brothers' air ship, which a few days later was partially wrecked near Meudon by striking a tree, covered the forty-six miles separating Moisson and the Champs de Mars, Paris, in one hour and forty-one minutes one of the greatest triumphs in dirigible ballooning was recorded. At the same time notice was served on Stanley Spencer and Santos-Dumont, who had up to that time held undisputed sovereignty as kings of the air, that they would have to look to their laurels, that a new star had arisen in the aeronautic firmament. The Lebaudy air ship attained extraordinary bursts of speed during its at all times rapid flight, now and again dashing through the air at the rate of more than two-thirds of a mile a minute, and this despite the fact that but a moderate breeze was blowing. What made the feat the more impressive was its unexpectedness. Although it had long been known that the Lebaudys were secretly at work in their park at Moisson elaborating plans to outdo anything ever achieved by their better known rivals, the ascension when it took place was unheralded and was made but in the presence of a few friends.

It must not be forgotten, of course, that the credit for this aerial triumph does not rest wholly with the Lebaudys. In fact, they play in it but a minor role, the interest they take in aerial navigation being the interest of the inventor rather than the interest of the aeronaut proper. Indeed, neither Paul nor Pierre Lebaudy participated in the dash from Moisson to Paris, the air ship being guided by a young Frenchman, a M. Juchmes, a comparatively unknown quantity in the aeronautic world. M. Juchmes was accompanied on his trip by a machinist named Rey and by M. Julliot, the designer of the balloon, which bears the somewhat peculiar name of The Yellow. This was by no means its first ascension, it having already made several claims to fame, the most noteworthy of which was a return trip from Moisson to Mantes in remarkably quick time, but not so rapid as in the case of its latest endeavor. On the earlier occasion M. Juchmes was also its pilot. Thitherto the young aeronaut had largely confined his efforts to ascensions in spherical balloons, in the management of which he had displayed not a little skill. It now appears evident, judging from the cabled accounts of the Moisson-Paris trip, that he has The Yellow in perfect control at all times and that it answers its helm admirably. Evidently, also, M. Juchmes does not lack the ability and intrepidity to get out of it the highest speed of which it is capable. During this record voyage the balloon crossed the Seine seven times and is reported to have behaved admirably throughout its passage.

This new claimant to aerial honors was built at the workshop in the beautiful park at Moisson, where the Lebaudys conduct their various experiments. In shape The Yellow is not unlike the familiar Santos-Dumont fliers, although its cigar form is not so regular as is the case with the air ships constructed by the famous Brazilian, the fore end of the Lebaudy being very pointed, while the rear end is somewhat rounded. Its lower lines are also shaped in such a way as to recall the keel of a yacht. Unlike the majority of air ships, the envelope of the balloon is not made of silk or Japanese taffeta, but of a fine sheet of india rubber stretched between two tissues of cotton and capable of resisting great pressure. The seams are covered with bands of india rubber fixed with a solution, and the entire envelope, which weighs in the neighborhood of three-quarters of a ton, is varnished with several coats of a special preparation boasting the appropriate name of ballooine. It was the envelope that sustained the greatest damage in the accident near Meudon.

A somewhat peculiar but undoubtedly serviceable feature is the covering which the car possesses, a stretch of canvas over a steel framework, constructed in such a way as to give the silhouette of a big flat fish. This canvas serves more than one purpose, not the least important of which is to protect the gas inflated balloon from possible ignition, the motor being located between the canvas and the envelope. In the event of an accident, moreover, the canvas would serve as a parachute, diminishing the speed of the downward flight. The motive power is obtained from a Daimler-Mercedes forty horse power motor, capable of turning the two screws, placed one on each side of the car, at a rate of 1,000 revolutions a minute, the screws being so adjusted that they can be used vertically, in order to advance, or horizontally, in order to ascend, or independently of each other, to permit of turning to the right or to the left. The car itself is attached to the balloon by a series of small cables, weighs nearly two tons and has accommodations for four people.

The enthusiasm with which the successful trip to Paris was greeted is significant of the widespread popular interest which is still being taken in the many endeavors of the leading aeronauts to prove that they have actually solved the problem of navigating the air. It might have been thought that the people of France had become accustomed to the sight of air ships in full flight, that the novelty of the spectacle would have worn away and that the appearance of the Lebaudy monster would have evoked at most but a mild interest. On the contrary, it occasioned the greatest excitement all along the route, and the successful Juchmes was given an ovation when he landed. This must not be attributed solely to the emotional nature of the French; it indicates that they, in common with the rest of the civilized world, realize that with every new victory in the realm of aeronautics, a milestone is marked in the forward march of progress, the increasing adaptability of man to his environment.



THE LEBAUDY AIR SHIP.

That this is the case is further shown by the widespread sympathy evoked by the accident which rendered the Yellow temporarily hors du combat. This mishap occurred near the Meudon ballooning ground and followed a very successful ascension from the Champs de Mars, which had been witnessed by an immense crowd. On this occasion Juchmes was again at the helm and was accompanied by his engineer, Rey, both of whom were for a time in great danger, but succeeded in climbing to the ground without sustaining any injuries. The accident was caused by an unexpected gust of wind which caught the dirigible balloon while it was descending and drove it into a tree top, the branches of the tree ripping a big hole in the envelope.

At once the balloon collapsed, leaving the basket and framework of the superstructure dangling in the tree. Juchmes did not lose his head for a moment and, together with Rey, leaped from the basket to the tree and rapidly descended to the ground amid the plaudits of the crowd that had hurriedly gathered. It was at first thought that the balloon had been wrecked beyond the possibility of repair, but thorough investigation showed that the damage had been confined chiefly to the envelope. During its flights previous to the mishap the Yellow behaved admirably, forging rapidly through the air against a brisk southwest wind.

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DURBO BOMBARDED

For the Purpose of Impressing the Natives

ROME, Dec. 18—The bombardment of Durbo, in Italian Somaliland, where Lieut. Grabau was killed, which has been undertaken by the Italian warship Fallico, is merely for the purpose of impressing the natives. It is pointed out in official circles that Italy does not need foreign assistance to punish those who offend her, as might be thought after the revenge taken at Durbo by the British warship Mohawk.

A dispatch from Aden to the Associated Press Dec. 6, said that Lieut. Charles Grabau, commanding the Italian gunboat Antelope, attempted to land at Durbo, on the Tigiurtine coast, two natives belonging to a Somaliland tribe. Not seeing the Italian flag flying over the village the lieutenant gave orders to have it hoisted. The chief of the village refused to obey his command without the consent of the sultan. Lieut. Grabau gave the chief two hours in which to obey and when that time had elapsed the Antelope opened fire on Durbo. The fire was answered from the village and the lieutenant was killed.

A dispatch from Rome Dec. 8 said that the Italian warships Lombardia, Volturno, Galileo and Christophoro Colombo had arrived at Aden and would proceed to Durbo to inflict punishment on the Somaliland tribe which killed Lieut Grabau. On the same date a dispatch was received from Aden to the effect that Commander Grant and 60 men of the crew of the British warship Mohawk had landed at Durbo and held a palaver with the sultan and 600 Somalilands over the death of the Italian officer. The sultan refused to discuss the matter and said he would fight it out. The commander and the sultan then retired to their respective forces, who opened fire. The commander was wounded in the thigh and one marine was killed, after which the British returned to the Mohawk. This news was received with some surprise in Rome, as Durbo is in the Italian protectorate and it was contended that the British warship had no right to undertake bombardment operations there.

FOUR BURNED

As Result of Steampipe Exploding

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—By the explosion of a steam-pipe yesterday in the fire room of the Turkish cruiser Medjivia, recently built by the Cramps of Philadelphia, four men were severely scalded. They were landed here late yesterday and are being treated at Johns Hopkins hospital. The men were members of the crew of the builders of the vessel, which left Philadelphia two days ago for a trial trip. It is not thought that the men are seriously injured.

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MORE TESTIMONY

GIVEN IN THE GARRETTO TRIAL.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 18—Several additional witnesses testified yesterday in the trial of Alexander Garretto, for the murder of Eli Corti at Barre Oct. 3 last, their testimony corroborating that of previous witnesses for the state as to the trouble in Anarchists hall, on the night of the above date that led to the shooting. All agreed that a free fight was in progress before the shots were fired, and Emelio Vochini, one witness, stated that he saw Garretto shoot Corti.

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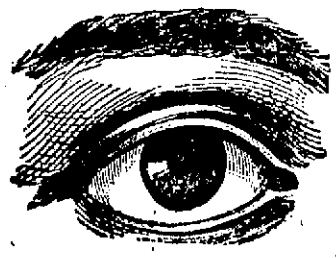

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Crazed Negro Riddled With Bullets

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—After having seriously cut George Resoner, department store proprietor, in a scuffle following a demand for money, an unknown negro last night also attacked one of three policemen who had been summoned, when all opened fire, killing him instantly. The affair caused a panic among the crowd of shoppers.

The man asked Resoner to show him some curtains when suddenly he drew a razor and shouted for money. Resoner grappled with him. Employes heard the uproar and rushed to the merchant's aid, hurling every available article at the would-be murderer. The negro then slid down an elevator rope to the basement, where from a place of concealment he sprang at and slashed the first officer. All three then shot at him, riddling him with holes.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Chevalier lodge, K. of P., held its regular meeting Wednesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: C. C., Clarence E. Wheeler; V. C., Lester O. Mason; P., Frank M. Robitaille; M. of W., Eugene Collins; K. of R. and S., Lyman C. Hodgman; M. of F., L. T. Riley; M. of E., Herbert Pilling; M. of A., William Gillespie; I. G., Charles J. Jones; O. G., Peter Gillespie.

At a very largely attended meeting of Court Wamesit, F. of A., in Foresters' hall last evening officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chief ranger, William A. Kelley; sub-chief ranger, Robert J. Crowley; treasurer, John E. Maguire; financial secretary, Thomas T. Garvey; recording secretary, James White; senior woodward, William Buckley; junior woodward, Patrick Boyle; senior beadle, James Farrell; junior beadle, James A. Sheehan; lecturer, William Reardon; trustee for three years, John J. O'Connor; physician, Dr. James E. Leary. It was voted that the court should join the fire fund. During the evening addresses were made by William A. Hogan, Robert J. Crowley, John E. Maguire, John J. O'Connor and William J. Reardon. At the next meeting of the court a smoke talk will be in order, and the installation of officers will take place.

ROBERT FISKE DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Robert T. P. Fiske, a prominent member of the coffee exchange, and one of the firm of Fiske and Brown, is dead at his home on Staten Island, of typhoid pneumonia, aged 43.

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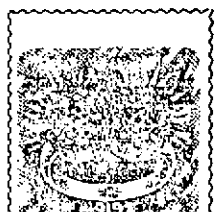

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SENSATION CAUSED

By Testimony Before Interstate Commerce Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Interstate commerce commission yesterday gave a hearing on its proposed requirement that after Jan. 1 next the tariffs on export and import traffic be published and filed with the commission the same as domestic tariff. A large number of representatives of both the railroads and shippers attended the meeting.

The most significant feature of the session was an admission by Frank Waterhouse, representing the Boston Steamship company, of Seattle, Wash., of a discriminating contract between that company and the Northern Pacific railroad. Mr. Waterhouse was discussing the seventy-five cent through rate on hemp from Manila to St. Paul, equally divided between the water line and the railroad.

"Does it not come to this then," asked Chairman Knapp, "that you want the Northern Pacific railroad to carry hemp from Seattle to St. Paul for 37½ cents, when it is brought over by your steamers, but if brought over on a tramp steamer you want to charge twice as much as their proportion?"

Mr. Waterhouse said: "If brought over on a tramp steamer they won't take it."

Chairman Knapp—"Why not?"

Mr. Waterhouse—"Because they have a contract with our line which prohibits them from taking it."

Chairman Knapp—"You do not mean quite that, do you?"

Mr. Waterhouse—"Yes sir, I mean that."

Chairman Knapp—"The Northern Pacific have an arrangement with you under which they will not carry any hemp except that you bring over in your steamer?"

Mr. Waterhouse—"I mean that they will not take it at the same rate. They would not make the same through rate to a tramp sailing ship or tramp steamer that arrived in the harbor of Seattle or Tacoma that they would to the regular line."

This admission caused a sensation and General Counsel M. D. Grover of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern took the stand to explain the situation.

SOME CYCLE NEWS

Of Interest to the Enthusiasts

Referring to a slight lengthening of heads which has taken place in the 1904 models, a trans-Atlantic observer remarks that the diamond frame is now at its best, from an artistic point of view. We are inclined to hold that the same is true of the frame of the present day cycle in this country. Its constructional superiority was conclusively demonstrated years ago, and, as a matter of fact, won for it universal adoption.

It is a remarkable fact that none of the many changes which have been made in the past decade have injured it either mechanically or esthetically. Opinions may differ as to whether long heads or short ones are and look better, each design having advocates. But we feel sure that the present type of frame, which strikes the happy mean in all such points as length of head, rake of diagonal and of head and drop to the crank-hanger, is generally regarded as the handsomest as well as the staunchest type of frame that has yet appeared. Fashion may again, as it has in the past, decree departures from this model of frame, may bring in a "dignified" type with long head and diagonal tubes, or its antithesis, the low, raky frame with an extremely short head. But it will never improve on the present model until some epoch-marking change is made.

"Jack" Prince, the owner of the local coliseum, was one of the interested spectators at the six day race last week. There was nothing doing down Jack's way during the big race, but a few hours after the grind was over Prince started for the south, where the weather is a little warmer. Despite the fact that the southern part of the country is a hot bed for racing during the winter time this season has been anything but a prosperous one for the veteran track manager and racing man.

Cyclists, like other people, are superstitious of the number 13, and the greater portion of them refuse to ride with a number 13 on their back. In the six day race Jed Newkirk, who has appeared in this city as a pace maker for "Gussie" Lawson wore the number 13 on his back and he was the first rider to get a dump.

With the three fastest riders of Lowell in the professional class in order to make a success of racing in this city next year the management of the local coliseum will have to have professional sprint racing. Besides O'Brien, Connors and Goyette, Pat Keegan will have a chance to get back into the game again as a sprinter. Unless some of the local amateurs develop more speed before the opening of the racing season the amateur races in this city will be rather slow and uninteresting.

It is doubtful if Simar, the Frenchman who teamed up with Gougoltz in the six day race will ever come back to this country to race again. Simar has shown himself to be a rank quitter in every race he has ridden here, and has made it very disappointing for his partners. He evidently has a yellow streak in him somewhere.

New York will have a bicycle show this spring. It will be held at Madison Square Garden, starting on the 19th of February and coming to an end on the 5th of March.

Few if any people ever believed that there would be much call for bicycles in Alaska, but strange to say quite a number of steel horses have been sold in that country. In fact in some parts of Alaska new roads are being built, the invasion of the bicycle being the main cause.

Paris is once more to have a winter cycle track, after being without one since 1897. It is expected that the opening will take place some time next week.

It is almost time that we heard what kind of pacing machines will be used on the tracks next season. Many of the riders advocate the tandems claiming that they are safer than the 14-horse power singles, while other riders believe that the dinky 4-horse power machines are good enough and that plenty of speed can be gotten out of them. It would seem funny to go back to the 4-horse machines after seeing the 14-horse all summer.

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PROMINENT MEN

ON CHAMBERLAIN'S COMMISSION OF EXPERTS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The names of many prominent gentlemen who have accepted positions on Joseph Chamberlain's commission of experts which is to inquire into the condition of British trade and report thereon, with the object of drawing up a tariff reform measure, have been made public.

Among them are Sir Vincent Caillard, Charles Booth, former president of the Royal Statistical society; Sir Arthur Keen, Sir William T. Lewis, Alfred Mosley, Sir Andrew Noble, Hon. Charles A. Parsons, C. A. Pearson, the well-known newspaper proprietor; Sir Charles Tennant and Sir Alfred Jones, president of the Liverpool chamber of commerce; also a number of members of parliament. The secretary of the committee will be William A. Shewins, director of the London school of economics and political science, and teacher of modern economic history in the university of London. He will be assisted by a large staff of experts and statisticians.

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STEEL PLATE PRICE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Representatives of the steel plate pool were in session here yesterday and reaffirmed the present price, namely, $1.60 per hundred pounds at Pittsburg.

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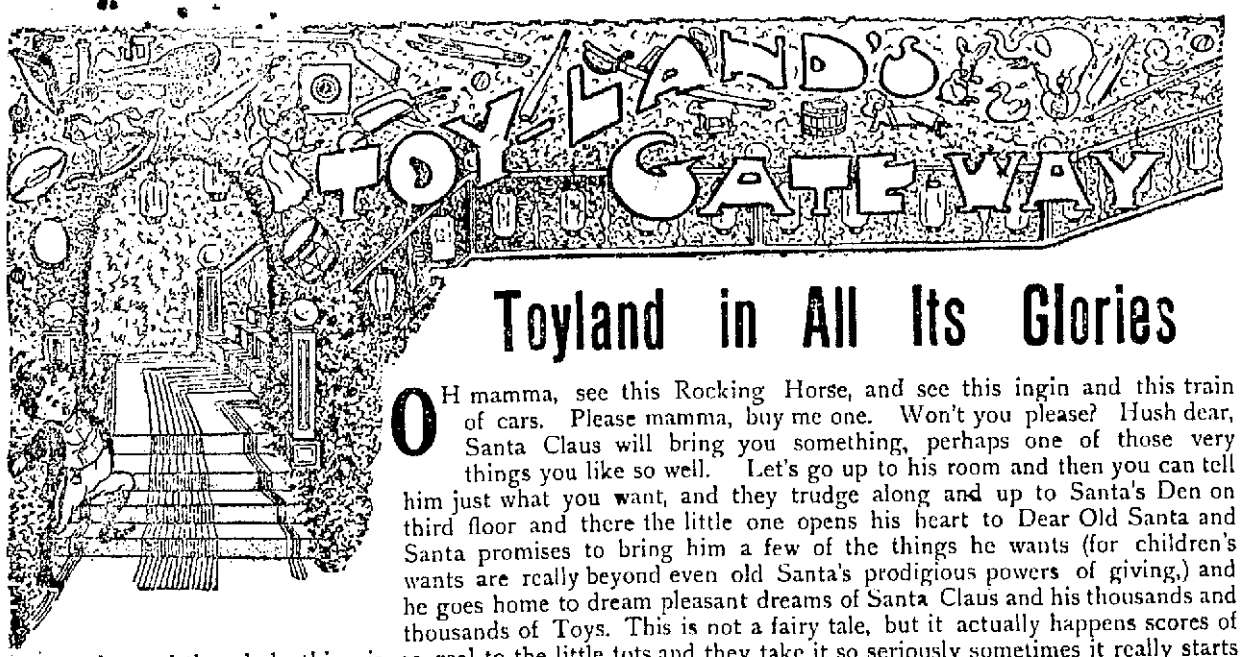

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The Glad Yuletide

Christmas Gifts

KATE CLYDE Discusses Them and Denounces the Folly of Frittering One's Time Away

WELL, it certainly is Christmas present time, and some of us have, as usual, been putting off things until the last moment; not that I disapprove of doing things at the last moment. Far from it. Only stupid and uninteresting people plan things way ahead of time. Inspiration goes with short notice. And if you haven't the real poetic feeling, the feeling that you have got to do the thing right away, and no time to think about it, is often enough inspiration.

Well, the language may be involved, but there's a good idea balled up in that paragraph.

Back to the Christmas presents! It is certainly awfully hard to choose for other people; one would really almost rather give them the money. No, I take that back. It is not possible to present a fifty cent piece as a present, but there are some presents we can buy for fifty cents that look mighty near a dollar's worth, so that an unsuspecting friend can't always tell. Anyway, the experiment is worth trying. And, oh, it is perfectly remarkable what pretty things we can buy for very little this year!

The Day of Daintiness.

You see, it is because even the cheaper things have grown so artistic. The day of plush bric-a-brac and painted photographs—the cerise colored and bright green kind—is pretty well past, and instead we have daintily colored prints that look just like water colors and quaint art nouveau desk and toilet table articles made after artistic designs in inexpensive metals.

And I must say I both like to give and I like to receive something useful—a book, a print, a cushion for my divan,

To entertain a dull man.

something to hold my pens, or my ideas when I have them.

I am going to give one of my best girl friends a book of pen and ink illustrations by a well known artist, and I know she will bless me and thank me in her heart every time she brings it out to entertain a dull and uninteresting man. Then, another girl is going to get a brass inkstand and tray combined, which will be very pretty on her writing desk. A bachelor friend will have bestowed upon him a picturesque brass bowl which will look well in his den and incidentally hold his ashes. Oh, dear me! Not his ashes, but the ashes of his defunct cigars and cigarettes.

If some one were to give me a dainty bit of neckwear to go with my best blouse I wouldn't so much mind. And let me tell you that is quite a nice present for a girl you know intimately; also collar and cuff sets of sheer linen, with the owner's monogram embroidered in two colors, are very smart to go with plain blouses. A hatpin is always welcome, remember that, and so is a good book. But don't buy note paper; most girls have decided and "cranky" ideas on the subject.

Calendars? Well, there can be too much of that. I received seven one Christmas. But an umbrella—oh that's always a nice present, considering how one loses umbrellas—and, to return to inexpensive things, so is a wrought iron or china candlestick with a candle and shade matching the decorations of the girl's room.

Oh, I'm sure you will do beautifully with your Christmas presents. You can't go very far wrong this year.

That's a nice way of discussing the subject, isn't it? But the fact is I want to talk about something else.

The "Busy" Girl.

It is a wonder to me how some girls have so much spare time. The twenty-four hours are so crowded with me that I sometimes don't even have time to think, but I get along just as well because my brain is getting used to it. Now, I know a girl who thinks she is doing wonderfully well if she practices two hours a day and embroiders a new leaf in the chrysanthemum table dolly she is making. She will unsmilingly inform you that she has had a busy day.

She got soaking wet in the rain.

My sakes alive, as the old women say, I wonder what sort of a time she would think she was having if she rushed around and got soaking wet in the rain three times in one day, besides falling shy a meal and a half just because she simply hadn't time.

To my mind, if you are a rich girl there are a thousand engrossing things to do involving the spending of money, and if you are a poor girl there are a thousand engrossing things you can do involving the making of money. But I don't see any time for a keenly alive girl to "fritter."

"When I am not spending money to the best advantage I am making it or learning something or listening to some bright conversation or meeting people who will benefit me or mending my clothes or eating or sleeping to gain strength for another day, but I don't find time to sit around like an old tabby cat doing embroidery," was the remark of a friend of mine. And, really, I didn't much blame her, for the girl she was talking to was always to be seen doing fancy work and not much else.

I would like to say it all the time, morning, noon and night, to women—be practical.

"I Wants Dem Presents Back."

Yes (this is not the same subject, but never mind)—yes, it is rather sad in a romantic way to send a man's presents back to him after it is all over. (Pardon these tears. I have just been through it myself.) But think how it spoils the dignity and pathos when you have to account for some of the missing ones somewhat after this fashion:

(And of course you have to account for them; you wouldn't have him think you were holding anything back from sentiment or otherwise.)

"I am sorry the Japanese idol has its nose missing. It flew off accidentally one day when the maid was dusting.

"And the dagger paper cutter is gone. A man—a friend of mine took it away for fear it would bring bad luck, and I'm afraid I can't get it back.

"And here is that last cruel letter you sent to me. I can't for the life of me find the other notes you wrote. I must have destroyed them.

"And it's the oddest thing about your photograph. I thought it was in the top drawer of my desk, but it isn't, and I've looked all through the trunks in storage and even in the attic, and I can't find it. But if I ever run across it I give you my word I'll send it right away."

To know some good man cares for you.

(And you had told him you kept that photograph where you could look at it every day!)

Ah, well, it is always unpleasant to move out of a house, whether a "really truly" house or a dwelling in the heart. But once you have made the change, nine times out of ten you're happier. That's what I think, anyway.

Not that I have had the ten experiences; far from it. I am simply speaking in general terms because it sounds better.

So, as we are talking of men, here's a merry Christmas to you and to the man you love, and if you don't love him here's to the man that you will love, for there is nothing in the world that gives you such a fine "Christmasy" feeling as to know that some good, big hearted, strong man cares for you and watches over you, and (I don't care if this loses me every strong-minded woman friend I have) that feeling is a Christmas present every woman ought to have.

Kate Clyde

New York.

A woman of Washington who applied for a license as engineer was examined in accordance with the law, and, having been found qualified to act as manager of a stationary engine, a license was issued to her.

Women Are the Angels Of Christmastide

IMAGINE to yourself Christmas in a mining camp where there are no women! What would the "boys" do? Some of the miners would forget altogether that it was Christmas. They would rise with the dawn if it were a winter digging, swallow greasy flapjacks, bacon and scalding hot coffee and go out to ply pick and shovel all day long, coming home at night, cold, stiff and weary, merely to repeat the greasy flapjack and fried bacon and hot coffee performance and then sink into their bunks to lose themselves in sleep.

Others remember it is Christmas and do not work. What is there for them? They hang around their shanties, wash and mend their clothes, mayhap, then play cards. The married ones and those who have mothers and sweethearts probably remember to write letters home. Those who have not and who cannot bear the frightful loneliness and lack of all that makes Christmas cheer in civilization many a time drug their memories with fiery waters and end the sacred, beautiful day with a carouse that will give them oblivion for a few hours and whole days of dyspepsia and bitter regrets afterward. Heaven have mercy on these! They are well intentioned men who have forgotten they ever had mothers. Oh, of all the places and seasons Christmastide in a camp where there are only men!

If only there were a few good women in that camp how different it would be! There would be a Christmas dinner for all, even for the lone men who have forgotten they ever had mothers. There might not be any powdered sugar or any eggs but "desiccated" ones, yet the women would have made a fruit cake, and they would have washed the grit and stones off the currants though they had to melt snow to get water to do it with. The shanties would have been clean, bright and shining, there would have been some warm, new garment for the men, there would have been some pleasant, harmless hot spiced drinks all round, not the awful liquid fire that drowns man's memory to his ruin.

And at evening, of course, there would be card games and checkers—what else? Yet in the intervals the toughest, most hardened of the men who have forgotten they ever had mothers would have joined their rough voices to the chorus in "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night."

Christmas is the festival of holy motherhood and nurturing tenderness. It is at this season that the work of women for helpless and unfortunate children is most manifest. Every normal woman has a natural mother soul toward our whole unhappy, sinning, suffering race. She cannot be a mother to those who think they know so much more than she does; so she takes under her wing the neglected little children and seeks always and everywhere to make them happy, to fit them for taking care of themselves in the cruel years when they shall not have even a foster parent to mother them. In city after city of this land women maintain homes for unfortunate young ones. In one city perhaps they support a home and industrial school for crippled children, much of the fund that maintains the school through the year being raised from concerts, bazaars, donations and festivals in the weeks immediately preceding Christmas.

Other organizations of women annually appeal at the holiday season for the "little mothers," hapless girls, and sometimes boys, whose shoulders are bowed and whose child faces are shadowed with responsibility before they are ten years old because of taking care of baby brothers and sisters. You will see them on the streets any hour of the day amusing a flock of little ones or trundling a baby wagon, and the ladies who are putting some joy into their lives class the caretaking boys as little mothers too. Their parents are the wretchedly poor and shiftless who always have too many children. A woman's place is at home, you say. But what Christmas joy, what joy of any kind, would the numerous progeny of the unfit have if it were not for the good women who spend many hours away from their homes every year to be mothers and helpers and comforters in place of those who are too ignorant to realize their duty to their children.

Foundling asylums somehow stir the most tender, pitiful feelings of a woman's soul, and no wonder. The closing of a baby's velvet soft, clinging fingers around a grownup's fingers has sent strange vibrations through the frame of a rough man before now. With the best of care and the tenderest of parents there is often due to children a perpetual apology for their involuntary appearance in this world. What then of the waifs that have none to care for them at all, that would perish of cruel hunger and pain but for the ministrations of the benevolent? Women understand this with subtle instinct, and so at Christmas most of all, which is celebrated because of the birth of a Divine Child nineteen centuries ago, women make happy the inmates of foundling asylums, orphans' homes and children's hospitals.

Oh, yes; Christmas is, above all the rest of the year, the day of women and children.

The child's thoughts are of the presents it will get, the woman's are of the presents she will give. First, there is her own family. Every member must be provided for. Are there students of her blood away at college, young people away at work? Plum cakes and baskets of such delicacies as can be provided nowhere else than at home must be sent to each of the absent, while those at home must be equally remembered. Those nearest her being taken care of in advance, the woman's mother heart goes out to the rest of the world—to the children at first, then to the grown people in the homes for the incurable and for the aged and to the inmates of hospitals, and for these charities young ladies and old ones do not hesitate to beg and wheedle and flatter in the most shameless manner. At the Christmastide women, young and old and of all races and beliefs, beg and hustle and work and give, bless them, and Jewish women are many a time among the most actively benevolent of all.

Ministering Christmas angels are the devoted women of the college settlements in the slum hearts of the cities, where the children many a time are ignorant of the meaning of the word "country" as distinguished from town and literally believe that all the earth is a mass of brick walls and gleaming, iron railed trolley car streets. If anarchy is ever to be counteracted among our foreign population it will be largely through such work as that done by women in the slum settlements of our cities, those who labor most of all at Christmastide to fill with light the places made dark by ignorance. In deed and word sermon these women messengers of grace to people of all nations preach ever, but most of all at Christmas time, the glorious, creedless religion of human love and charity.

There was one woman Christmas angel who ministered yearly to 10,000 souls, whose all embracing love was poured out upon the just and the unjust, who knew no race or creed, who recognized no crime, depravity or unworthiness at the sacred giving season, who knew only that those who hour after hour filed past her were made in God's image. Year after year when Christmas came bright, gentle Emma Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army stood in the center of the vast Madison Square Garden, New York, and hour by hour passed out dinner baskets and sweet, inspiring words to those who marched by in the doleful procession of the miserable. This year the baskets will be there, but the Christmas angel is no more with her people.

LILLIAN GRAY.

THE CHRISTMAS WISH

By LUCILLE PENNAVEAU

I

"What will Christmas bring to me?"
Asked a little child
Kneeling at his mother's feet,
Looking down, she smiled:
"Toys and books and pretty things
Mother's boy will get,
And a lot of sweets and nuts
For my little pet."
"When I say my prayers I'll add
'God bless Santa Claus.'"

II

"What will Christmas bring to me?"
Asked a little child,
Looking in his mother's face,
Patient, worn and mild.
"Mamma's darling boy is cold,
Stockings, shoes and coat
Would keep my boy so warm and snug,
Is that what you wrote?
When you say your prayers you'll add,
'God bless Santa Claus.'"

III

"What will Christmas bring to me?"
Asked a little child,
Homeless, hungry and alone
In the night so wild.
Snow and sleet around him pile
Shimmering and white,
On a stone he lays his head,
Resting for the night.
When he says his prayers he'll add,
"Take me, Santa Claus!"

IV

"What will Christmas bring to us?"
Ask we all each year,
All alike, the rich, the poor,
Waiting for our share.
Each some want has, unsupplied,
Each some boon would crave:
Hoping, waiting—at Yuletide
Faintest hearts are brave.
All unite in Christmas prayer—
"Bless us, Santa Claus!"

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MISS SNIFFY'S Christmas

... By ...
TABITHA SOURGRAPES

"IT does seem to me Christmas comes every three months," said Miss Sniffy, grumbling to herself. "Nothing but give, give, give, and the ungrateful creatures I spend my money on don't even thank me. The more you do the more they expect. It's a mean, ill natured, greedy world!"

Miss Sniffy touched the bell, which brought her neat maid, Mary.

"Here, Mary," said Miss Sniffy, "is your Christmas present. It is a blue calico dress and half a dozen white aprons. Of course these things are not just what I would give my niece, Miss Gwendolin, but they are entirely useful and suitable for one in your station in life."

Tabitha Sourgrapes.

The girl took the parcel with scarcely a word and hurried out, shutting the door after her. She felt as if she would burst. She flung the bundle upon the floor, then picked it up, saying:

"How I'd like to fling it at her head! My station in life!"

"Perfectly thankless! That's the way of the whole lot," remarked Miss Sniffy to herself inside the room. She touched the bell again. Mary ironed out her dissatisfied face immediately and answered it.

"Ask Miss Gwendolin to come to me," said Miss Sniffy.

Miss Gwen appears on the scene, a bright, merry faced, pretty girl.

"Gwendolin," remarked Miss Sniffy in her most unpleasant manner, "here's a Christmas present for you. It is really more than I can afford, and I ought not to give you so expensive a thing, but I suppose I can skimp myself and deny myself things I ought to have to make up for it. I wonder if you ever think how much you cost me? I probably will not be able to give you anything next year, but take it."

Gwen did not answer, but took the gift and hurried out as fast as she could, saying only, "Thanks, aunt." Her face was clouded, though the gift was an exquisite white ostrich tip cape with stole ends, just what the girl had been longing for and which set off her bright beauty like a halo. But she said as she looked at herself in the glass, "I feel as mean as if Aunt Sniff had slapped me in the face."

Miss Sniffy thought to herself: "Well, the minx might at least have been civilly thankful. But there's no more gratitude in her than in Mary."

Then Miss Sniffy put on her hat and took her distinguished presence to the Christmas tree festivities of the free trade school and kindergarten. She made a talk to the poor slum children. She asked them what they would rather have for a Christmas present. One little girl lisped:

"A candy rabbit."

A boy said he would rather have a train of cars. Miss Sniffy looked grave and remarked: "That is not at all what you ought to want. I have brought you what you ought to want. It is some serious books which will tell you what poor children like you ought to think and say and how you ought always to make your manners to the wise and good people who come down from their places to help you to be moral and obedient and humble. Read these books carefully. They are meant for just such children as you." The children merely looked crestfallen.

Miss Sniffy was a professional philanthropist. She had given a whole stained glass window to the bath room of the home for half orphan freckle faced children. It was called the Hannah Jane Sniffy memorial window. Her charities were as wide as the circulation of the newspapers in her city. When she got home that day a lady was waiting for her. The lady asked her to help a poor girl take music lessons to enable her to earn her living as a singer. The ladies wanted to give the money at Christmas.

"Is the charity a public one?" asked Miss Sniffy. "Oh, no," answered the lady. "The girl is proud. She expects to pay every cent back by and by. If a few ladies will consider the money they let her have as a private loan she will be very, very grateful, and"—

"My secretary will communicate with you and let you know," said Miss Sniffy in a manner not exactly suggestive of Christmas sweetness and light.

Next morning the lady got this answer: "Miss Sniffy can offer Mrs. Mulver no encouragement in the matter suggested. The regular philanthropic demands on Miss Sniffy at Christmas time already occupy all her time and attention."

GERMAN BARONESS DISCUSSES SERVANTS.

Baroness von Oertzen-Barber is president of the New York German Housewives' society, but her work in connection with this society is nothing compared to her interest in the intelligence offices of that city. She often has reported under an assumed name employment agencies that were not reputable. The baroness speaks interestingly on the subject of the servant and the mistress. "There is no reason," says she, "why women should have trouble with servants. I find the servants usually are not at fault. There are isolated cases of lazy and dishonest girls, but most of the foreign servants, especially those of Germany, are industrious and faithful. Good servants will not stay with an exacting and cruel employer, and one cannot blame them. Usually a good servant will not stay with a woman who is her inferior. The best way to avoid trouble is to treat the maid as if she were human."

KIPLING'S DAUGHTER.

Mr. Kipling's little daughter Josephine was well known by sight to Rottingdean and Brighton visitors. It is stated that Mr. Kipling has a great objection to any forcing of children with their studies. Some one once asked, "Is your little daughter going to be a writer?" "No," he replied; "I am proud to say she cannot even read." Josephine was called after her aunt, Miss Josephine Balestier, the translator of Marie Bashkirtseff's journal.

COURTSHIP IN TURKESTAN.

A wedding engagement in Turkestan begins with the payment of a substantial consideration to the girl's parents. If the girl jilts her lover the engagement gift has to be returned, unless the parents have another daughter to give as a substitute.

FINE PRESENTS.

When Chinese parents are about fifty-five years of age their affectionate sons and daughters unite in giving them each as handsome a coffin as possible. These presents are received with gratitude and are often used as wardrobes until such time as they are required by their owners for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

PECULIAR CASE

Malformation of Youth's Organs

BROOKINGS, S. D., Dec. 18—Surprising results have developed at a post mortem examination of the body of William Allson, 21 years old, who died after 10 days' illness, apparently from inflammation of the stomach. The young man several times during his illness said he had been poisoned and to satisfy the family a post mortem was held. The surgeons were astonished to find upon making an incision that there was a most peculiar displacement of the internal organs. The operators found an opening through the diaphragm and a dilated stomach, nearly three times its normal size, completely filling the left side of the thoracic cavity, taking the place of the left lung.

There was no left lung, only a small rudimentary lung about one inch thick and three inches square. Lying under the stomach was found the ascending and descending colon with the appendix attached in its usual place on the lower end of the colon and also in the thoracic cavity. The heart was located on the lower right side of the thoracic cavity extending parallel and next to the spinal column between the second and fifth ribs. The right lung was not of normal size. There is no question but the anatomical malformations of the different organs had existed since infancy. The young man had never been ill and this is the reason his peculiar condition had never been disclosed. The case is believed to be one of the most remarkable in the history of surgery.

Souvenir postal card albums. Lawler's.

INFORMAL RECEPTION

WAS HELD AT THE NORMAL SCHOOL YESTERDAY.

An informal reception to relatives and friends of the students and teachers of the State Normal school in Broadway was held at the school yesterday afternoon. The event was held prior to the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays. The entire building was thrown open to the guests and all of the school rooms were decorated in a very appropriate and artistic manner with evergreen and other Christmas decorations.

The exercises of the day started at 3.30 o'clock and were held in the gymnasium. The entertainment opened with a welcome song by the Misses Harriet Mulry, Helen Cox, Violet Twining, Mabel Williams, Ethel Brown and Mae Tracy. This was followed by a neatly constructed pantomime entitled "American Christmas," in which four of the students took part. The cast was as follows: Santa Claus, Miss Fannie Peabody; Mother, Miss Edna Holt; Children, Misses Nettie Washburn, Nettie Greenleaf.

This was followed by a chorus entitled "A German Christmas," in which Misses Tenney, Twining, Williams, Staples, Hadden and Duffy took part. The closing chorus was entitled "Rag Muffins," the participants being the Misses Jennie Staples, Clara Duffy, Alice Seward and Bessie Kimball.

Following the entertainment dancing was enjoyed, following which refreshments were served by the young ladies. Miss Blanche Dodge was chairman of the refreshment committee and Miss Mary Cassidy was chairman of the entertainment committee. The decorations were carried out under the direction of Miss Clara Copp.

Lowell souvenir postal cards at Lawler's.

HIS WAR RECORD

PROBABLY SAVED CUSHING FROM ELECTRIC CHAIR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—William Cushing, who served under Admiral Dewey on the flagship Olympia at the battle of Manila, was convicted of murder in the second degree in the supreme court yesterday. Next Wednesday he will be sentenced to prison for life.

Cushing killed his wife. He said on the witness stand that he did not recall having committed the crime.

He told his experience at Manila. During the battle until the admiral suspended the fighting for breakfast, he was in the fireroom 20 feet below the waterline. The heat in the fireroom was so exhausting that he was relieved and sent to the magazine to pass powder and shell.

"While in the magazine I was struck in the head with a bag of powder weighing 113 pounds, which fell through the hatchway," he said.

His war record probably saved his life.

Any book not in stock cheerfully ordered at Lawler's.

LEATHER WORKERS

HELD THEIR ANNUAL PARTY LAST EVENING.

A successful dance was held in Associate hall last night under the auspices of the Amalgamated Leather Workers' union. This was the sixth social conducted by the union and proved to be far in excess of the previous ones, both financially and socially, the attendance also was very gratifying. Music for dancing was furnished by Kittredge's singing orchestra.

The success of the party was due to the zealous and untiring work of the following corps of officers: General manager, James F. Gilligan; assistant, Michael McMullin; floor director, Frank H. McGlone; assistant, George Lanatagne; chief aid, Albert J. Hanslin; aids, Bernard Tracy, James Connors, Manuel Nitto, Dalle Moore, America Oliver, William Hartley, Philip Lynch, George Rogers, John Gleason, James Carney, Charles Riley, Fred Brickley; reception committee, Patrick Regan, chairman; John White, John Corey, Timothy Wholey, William Mosean, Arthur Novel, William Campbell, Joseph Plant, Peter Perreault, George Tracy, secretary.

NORTH BILLERICA.

A pleasant birthday party was held at the home of Postmaster Charles Maxwell Wednesday evening in honor of the 18th birthday of Miss Florence, a daughter of Mr. Maxwell. The affair was attended by about 50 friends of the young lady, including a number from Lowell. In behalf of those present Miss Florence Bradley presented Miss Maxwell a beautiful gold bracelet. During the evening refreshments were served and a fine literary and musical program was carried out.

North Billerica Council, R. A., met in regular session Wednesday night and six applications for membership were received. The installation of the newly elected officers will take place at the first meeting held next month.

The semi-annual election of officers of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence society will be held Tuesday evening

Lowell, Friday, December 18, 1903

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

THE HAPPINESS OF THE YULETIDE-GIVING

THE atmosphere of good cheer prevails in this big store and surrounded with the laurel and holly we are reminded that Christmas must be near at hand. Forgetfullness of self is the key to happiness—the secret of the season's good cheer.

But the glad day of giving is "just around the corner." One week from today and it is here. Be ready. Remember everyone you can if even with a small remembrance.

This is the Christmas store. Here under one roof you may select all your gifts, for here are thirty-four stores in one, selling nearly everything for wear, or for the home.

We Shall Give Double Dark Blue Trading Stamps All Day Tomorrow

The interest shown in the contest for the Silver Service—to be given to the person collecting the largest number of Stamps at this store before Thursday, December 24th, (at noon) has grown to such an extent that we have decided to give DOUBLE STAMPS TOMORROW, ALL DAY.

Today it will be as usual—Double Stamps in the forenoon, up to 1 o'clock; Single Stamps in the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

35 feet of counter space devoted to Handkerchief selling and more people to serve you than ever. We doubt if any two stores in town have so many Handkerchiefs. We know that ours are the best for the money.

FOR MEN.

All Linen, hemstitched, ¼, ½, and 1 inch hems,
12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c, 38c, 50c and 75c

Linen tape bordered,
12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c

Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c each. Six in a fancy box for only.....$1.35

A better grade at..... 50c

Unlaundered Initials, only 12½c Each

Cotton Handkerchiefs, plain white and colored border, only.....5c Each

FOR WOMEN.

All linen, hemstitched, ⅛, ¼ and ½ in. hems....12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c, 38c, 50c

Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c. Six in a box for.....$1.35

Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs for .....12½c and 25c

Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 25c, 38c, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 $2.00 and up.

Lace Trimmed Linen Handkerchiefs, from .....25c to $10.00

CHILDREN'S.

Initial Handkerchiefs, three in a fancy box.....25c Each

Japanese Silk Initials....25c and 50c

Japanese Hemstitched Silk Kerchiefs, ¼, ½ and 1 in. hems,
25c, 39c, 50c, 75c and $1.00

East Section—Centre Aisle.

FOR THE LITTLE TOTS

Christmas things that will cause many a new laugh and smile.

Knit Leggings—never had colored Leggings before. Here are blue, brown and red to match the coats..$1.00 Each

Angora Bonnets.....$1.75 Each

Silk Bonnets, trimmed with lace and ribbons.....50c to $3.50

Pretty ones in light blue and pink, trimmed with mousselin de soie and ribbon, for..... $3.50

The Arnold knit goods make serviceable gifts. Dainty little wrappers of pink and blue striped material, edged with ribbon.....60c Each

Bath Aprons..... $1.00

Bedroom Slippers.....25c Pair

East Section—Second Floor.

THE BOOK STORE

We're calling attention to some very handsome gift books that are quite inexpensive.

For 19 Cents

A series of dainty volumes, bound in half white vellum, illuminated sides, in gold and colors and numerous illustrations.

The Silver Buckle.
Dickens' Children's Stories.
The Children's Shakespeare.
Young Robin Hood.
Honor Bright.
The Voyage of Mary Adair.
The Kingfisher's Egg.
Tattine.
The Doings of a Dear Little Couple.
Our Soldier Boy.
The Little Skipper.
Little Gervaise.
The Christmas Fairy.
Regular price 29c.

For 25 Cents

Illustrated devotional series religious literature, illuminated title page, full white vellum, designs in gold and colors:

Bible Birth Books.
The Changed Cross.
Christian Living.
Coming to Christ.
Daily Food.
The Day Breaketh.
Evening Thoughts.
Kept for the Master's Use.
Line Upon Line.
Morning Thoughts.
My King and His Services.
Deep of Day.
Precept Upon Precept.
Steps Into the Blessed Life.
These are usually 35c.

For 25 Cents

The Good Times Series, printed on choice paper, profusely illustrated, illuminated covers:

Under the Stars.
Story of the Robins.
Jackanapes.
Christmas Stockings.
Laddie.
Making a Start.
Story of a Donkey.
Blue Grass Beauty, etc.
Usually 35c for these.

Palmer Street, Centre Aisle.

TEA AND COFFEE

85c — 5 lbs. Sugar, 1 pound Tea, 1 pound Coffee. — 85c

This is our Saturday special; it's a good one.

Merrimack Street, Basement.

IN SOLID SILVER

Here's a special Brush and Comb Set, neatly boxed, only.....$1.98
Bonnet Brushes.....98c, $1.25
Cloth Brushes $1.50, $4.50
Hair Brushes .....$1.50 to $5.00
Whisk Brooms.....50c to $1.75
Military Brushes .....$2.25 to $4.50
Mirrors .....$2.25 to $10.00
Flasks $3.50
Pen Racks .....98c to $1.25
Blotters ..... 50c to $1.50
Inks ..... 50c to $1.50
Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon
$2.25 and $3.00 a Set
Children's Drinking Cups $2.25 to $3.00
Bag-tags, Pencil-holders, Emerys, Tape Measures, Thimble Cases, Glove Menders, etc.
Porcelain Toilet Sets.
Brush, Comb and Mirror, boxed,
Only $1.25

West Section, Right Aisle.

Again We Say to You, Watch for the Special Stamp Offers

HERE'S A HOLIDAY ONE FOR TODAY

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS

TODAY YOU MAY CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BEST STOCKS OF UMBRELLAS IN NEW ENGLAND, AND PURCHASING ONE—NO MATTER WHAT PRICE—RECEIVE $4.00 WORTH OF EXTRA TRADING STAMPS.

Here are Men's Umbrellas any price you wish, from 98c to $15.00. All styles from the heavy 9-rib fellows to the trappy London clubs. Big swagger handles or modest ones, and any kind of a covering that you wish.

Ladies' Umbrellas, made for service as well as jaunty looking. Some with long ribbons and heavy tassels, others of the mannish sort. Genteel looking handles of pearl, gun metal, burnt ivory, or horn; gold or silver trimmed.

Thin silks that roll almost into the stick or heavier weaves that are sure enough "rain shedders".....98c to $15.00

Children's Umbrellas, pretty and good for wear.....50c to $1.50

We engrave our Umbrellas free and give you a neat box for the Ladies' Umbrellas costing $2.00 or over.

Merrimack Street—Centre Tables.

A SATURDAY STAMP SPECIAL FROM THE

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SECTION

From one woman to another. A pretty article of Lingerie.

WE ANNOUNCE EXTRA GOOD VALUES IN PRETTY MUSLIN UNDERSKIRTS AND WITH EACH PURCHASE WE'LL GIVE $4.00 WORTH OF EXTRA STAMPS.

FOR 98c—Muslin Underskirts, umbrella patterns, full ruffle, open embroideries and tucks, regular price $1.98.

FOR $1.49—Umbrella Skirts trimmed with wide ruffle of Point de Paris lace with two rows of insertion. Regular price $2.50.

FOR $1.98—Pretty Skirts, umbrella, ruffles trimmed with four rows of insertion and wide lace edge; five different patterns of wide embroideries, open and blind patterns; regular price $2.98.

FOR $2.49—Five different styles of the most beautiful laces and embroideries, unusually full and pretty. These skirts are worth $3.50.

FOR $3.98—A grand model Underskirt made of the finest lawn, trimmed with fine imported French point lace, serpentine appliques; regular price $6.00.

As we shall give double Stamps all day Saturday these bargains are exceptionally worthy.

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

APRONS

Time was when the ladies fashioned Christmas aprons themselves; chose the material with great care, and were particular about the trimmings. Here are aprons just as good with all the care put into them, but by someone else who perhaps knows even better. Come here for your Christmas aprons. White Lawn Aprons, tucked, hemstitched and hamburg trimmed, from
25c to $2.00 Each

Nurses' and Waitresses' Aprons, tucked, hemstitched and hamburg trimmed bretteils, from 25c to $1.50

Afternoon or Tea Aprons, lace trimmed and hamburg ruffles, from
25c to $2.50

East Section—Centre Aisle.

A SPECIAL SALE OF

WINTER CAPS

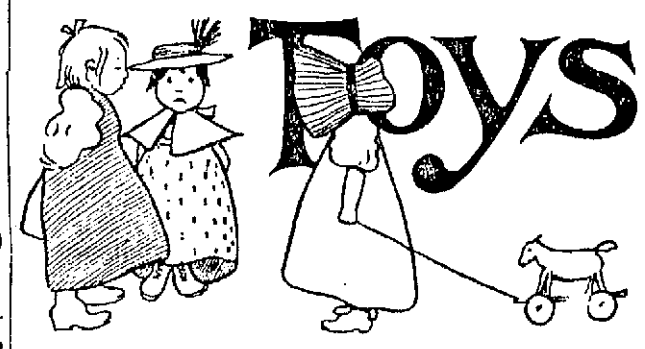
FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Good warm Caps for men that at regular prices are 75c, $1.00 and $1.50, for only.....35c Each

Samples from a big manufacturer, made from rough and smooth materials in all the new styles, well made with good linings. The boys' Caps are the 25c, 50c and 75c sort, only .....15c Each

The kind of head coverings to wear these cold December days. If you want on, better come today.

Palmer Street—Basement.



Toys

Toydom is crowded this year, although we've given it more space. Such a collection of instructive, as well as amusing, creations has never before been seen in this section of the county. Big boys and little boys, girls, too, will find this big toy basement of ours the most interesting place in Lowell.

Unbreakable Iron Toys

Stronger and better put together this year than ever before. Railroad Trains, Fire Departments, Police and Fire Patrols, Ice Wagons, Coal Wagons, Milk Wagons, Dump Carts, Pony and Donkey Carts, Automobiles, Electric Cars, from ..... 10c to $2.00 each

See the Friction Toys. No winding. Up hill or down hill, it's just the same. Autos, Engines and Hook and Ladder Trucks .....50c and $1.00

Mechanical Toys

With springs that cannot get out of order.

Fire Patrols, Autos, Cabs..... $1.00 and $1.25

Railroads, complete with switches and everything else, 3 sizes
50c, $1.00 and $2.00

See the Bucking Donkeys, the Boy on Stilts, the Chinese Carriage
29c, 39c, 50c

And a host of others.

The Whirba-Mobile, a great circus trick reproduced as a toy..25c and 50c

Spring Steam Boats that go in the water, substantially built, two sizes
$1.00 and $1.50

The Humpty Dumpty Circus is the funniest toy yet produced. There's a clown and the elephant.

A trick donkey and the queer things they'll do for you. "More'n worth the price of admission."

Wooden Toys

Under this head come sleds for boys and girls, from.....25c to $2.00 each

Chairs and Rockers for the little folks, from..... 25c to $2.00

Nursery and High Chairs, in plain and walnut finish, at.....50c and $1.00

Doll Carriages and Go-Carts..... 25c to $5.00

Doll's Saratoga Trunks..... 10c to $2.00

Noah's Arks, Fire Stations, Doll Houses, Stables, Kitchens, with characters and animals..... 10c to $3 each

Rocking Horses, Swing Horses, Shoo Flies, from.....50c to $12.50 each

Specials at ..... 75c, $3 and $4

Children's Desks, roll tops and drop fronts, perfect reproductions of the "old folks' ones,"..... 50c, $1.19 up to $3.98

Revolving Chairs ..... $1 each

Black Boards with charts, alphabets, etc., 6 sizes, from...25c to $1.50 each

Pianos of good accurate tune and well pitched, from.....25c to $6.00

Piano Stools..... 25c and 50c

Drums, with heads that will stand a lot of banging.....25c to $2.00

Magic Lanterns of our own importation, with reliable lenses and good slides, in a big assortment..... 25c to $5.00

Tool Chests

The pride and joy of any real boy. Ours come direct from the manufacturers, and we're sure that the boxes are better made and the tools of a worthy sort ..... 25c to $3.00

See the Games—Pit is the most popular, and there are hundreds of others here which are interesting and instructive, from .....10c to $1.00

For the Tree—There's a most extensive showing of the tree trimmings that make the shimmer and sheen of Christmas morn. Tinsel, both gold and silver, trimmed pictures, candles and candle-holders. All next to nothing in price.

Merrimack Street—Basement.

LARGE ICEBERGS

Threaten to Block the Northern Coast

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 18.—Advices from the northern coast report intense frosts. The bays are frozen and mighty icebergs are drifting south, threatening to block the coast. In several harbors vessels are gripped in the ice and will be compelled to remain until spring. Within a week navigation will be closed throughout the eastern seaboard. Belle Isle strait is choked with ice and all shipping has ceased to move.

Copyrighted standard books, 50 cents. Lawler's.

GENTLEMAN ROBBER

PARDONED FROM JOILET PRISON YESTERDAY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—James Dunlap, the "gentleman bank robber," famed as one of the cleverest men at his calling in the world, is again at large. Word was received at police headquarters yesterday from Joliet to the effect that through clemency of the pardoning board the noted criminal had been given his freedom. Dunlap was serving time for a bank robbery at Montmouth, Ill., which occurred two years ago. His criminal record extends back a score of years or more.

BRYAN IN MOSCOW.

MOSCOW, Dec. 18.—William J. Bryan arrived here yesterday and went to visit Count Tolstoi. Mr. Byran will proceed to St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.

TWO ROBBERS

HELD UP SOMERVILLE MAN AT WALTHAM.

WALTHAM, Dec. 18—Louis King, an employe of the Davis & Farnum's foundry, claims that he was the victim of an attempted holdup shortly after 5 last evening on the B. & M. tracks in the vicinity of the foundry.

The case was not reported to the police, but this oversight may be due to the fact that King lives in Somerville, and went to his home immediately after the affair happened.

According to the story of other employes of the foundry, King quit work about 5 and started across lots to the Bleachery railroad station for his train. He had just reached the railroad tracks when two masked men jumped from the side of the track and ordered him to throw up his hands and give them his money.

King succeeded in breaking away from his assailants, ran back to the foundry and told what happened.

He was greatly excited and could barely speak. A number of his fellow-workers went to the scene of the attack, but could find no trace of the alleged robbers.

Yesterday was pay day at the foundry, and it is believed that this fact was known to the men that made the assault. The police made what investigation they could last night, but are waiting until tomorrow morning to see King and get his version of the affair.

Anything to beat Grant. Come and see the special prices on Xmas gifts at the Merrimack. It's done to offset the fever on stamps. Look at the value we give you in comparison with the value you get with stamps.

Episcopal prayer books and bibles. Lawler's.

Military Dance at the Armory tonight.

WITH CROWBARS

JOHN JOSEPH BANIGAN MARCHED ON STRONG BOX.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 18.—The millions left by Joseph Banigan have clashed in a legal fight which promises to become one of the most interesting ever heard in this state, and all over the efforts of relatives of millionaire John Joseph Banigan to place him under the restraint of a guardian.

The initial steps against Mr. Banigan were taken in the probate court here a few days ago. Mr. Banigan appeared at the Hospital Trust company yesterday and attempted to go to his safe deposit box, but was not permitted to do so. His attorney, John W. Hogan, issued orders to secure a sheriff's posse and same crowbars, preparatory for a raid upon the big vaults of the safe deposit company.

The sheriffs appeared, headed by Deputy Coates, armed with a writ of replevin. Three stout men marched into the office of Lawyer Hogan with crowbars and a lot of jimmies and they were held in readiness. Sheriff Coates demanded that the vault be opened for the admittance of Mr. Banigan, and he displayed his writ and also notified Pres. Wells that he would call upon him if needs be for his assistance in breaking open the doors of the safe deposit vaults.

Mr. Banigan after great confusion secured his million or so in bonds and declared he would spend his last dollar in the guardianship contest. The proceedings in the Providence courts may fail, but they will be renewed in Westerly.

Genuine Chinaware at Oriental Bazaar.

Testaments and Hymnals. Lawler's.

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

It is a pleasant announcement to make that at the second recital next Sunday, Schuecker, the exquisite harpist from the Boston Symphony orchestra will appear. Everybody likes Schuecker; he is no stranger to Lowell. What any man or woman can do on a harp he can do as well and usually a little better. He needs no advance advertising. While Schuecker would be regarded by most people as a fair exchange for Maud MacCarthy, the violinist who has canceled her engagement for the present, it has been decided to give an additional pleasure to the patrons of the Orchestral society by presenting also Miss Lucie Tucker of Boston, the well known contralto of Boston musical circles. She will be remembered with pleasure by those who heard her some years ago in Odd Fellows hall, as a beautiful woman whose efforts electrified the audience. As another announcement Miss Mary Howe, the nightingale of America, the great favorite of Lowell audiences, has been engaged for the third recital, Jan. 21. With these attractions and others previously announced and some not yet announced, people will make no mistake in securing honorary tickets for the remaining five recitals. Some excellent reserved seats still remain which can be obtained at Austin's. The regular sale of recital tickets is now open at the same place.

Oriental Bazaar's ad. on last page.

TURNED HIS BACK

SENATOR HOAR REFUSED TO SHAKE HANDS WITH SCOTT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Senator Mitchell of Oregon and Editor Harvey Scott of the Portland Oregonian got on the senate elevator in the sub-basement yesterday.

When they reached the basement floor Senator Hoar of Massachusetts entered. Senator Mitchell introduced Mr. Scott to Senator Hear in a pretty little speech. Mr. Scott put out his hand to shake hands.

Senator Hoar put his hands behind his back. Both Scott and Mitchell were much surprised and looked inquiringly at Senator Hoar, who said:

"You notice I did not shake hands with you?"

"Yes," said Scott, "and why?"

"Because your paper said some years ago that Senator Morrill of Vermont was staying alive merely to save funeral expenses."

Scott didn't know whether to laugh or get indignant. He said:

"Of course that statement may have been printed in my paper, but I have no recollection of it. I had a man from Vermont working on the paper once, and he may have written it, but I do not remember it."

"You are responsible for what appears in your paper, are you not?" inquired Senator Hoar very seriously.

"Yes, sir," Scott replied.

"Well, sir, then I shall not shake hands with you."

"Very well," said Scott, "I shall turn my back on you."

He did, and the elevator went up in an atmosphere so cold that frost gathered on the bronze work.

Books bound in burnt leather, a novelty. Lawler's.

GINTER GROCERY.

We wish everybody a merry Christmas, and we are certainly doing all in our power to make it so. What would Christmas be without a well spread table of all the good things of this world, and we have them in great abundance. A visit to our store would reveal the fact that a better display of first-class groceries would be hard to find. The store is beautifully trimmed with festoons of holly which give a very attractive appearance. Several clerks are in attendance to wait on the endless number of patrons, and Mr. Cuzner, who is the manager of the store, is certainly the right man in the right place. When you are looking for the lowest prices in groceries do not fail to place an order with the Ginter Grocery Co. As well as giving you more for your money than any other store in town we also give trading stamps. The people of Lowell and vicinity are cordially invited to call and inspect our goods whether they desire to buy or not.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Merrimacks defeated the Concords last night by a score of 1172 to 1159, the game being close and exciting all through. The winners led by nine pins on the first string, but lost the second string by 23 pins, but a Garrison finish on the third string landed the string for the Merrimacks by 17 pins.

Currier with 246 was the high man while Lynch made the highest single string, 91. The game was won by a spare in the last box by Mahon. The score:

Merrimacks—A. E. Richardson 238, A. L. Richardson 220, McDonald 244, Shigleton 234, Mahon 285; totals 1172.

Concords—Stearns 232, Currier 246, Lyons 242, Perrin 238, Michaud 211; totals 1159.

The Ramblers made the Big Five look like 30 cents on Les Miserables alleys last night, the former defeating the latter by 99 pins. The score:

Ramblers—Smith 219, Clayton 256, Marsden 282, Rigby 253, J. Simpson 250; totals 1210.

Big Five—Livingston 208, Slavin 228, McGreavy 222, A. Simpson 226, Ambrose 229; totals 1111.

STILES ON TRIAL

HE IS ACCUSED OF MUTILATING HORSES.

SALEM, Dec. 18.—Fred Stiles was placed on trial in the first district court yesterday, charged with mutilating several horses in Danvers and Peabody on the night of Oct. 30. There were six complaints against him, three for breaking and entering the barns of Benjamin W. Perry and John F. Wheelock in Danvers and Daniel H. Flint in Peabody, and three complaints for mutilating horses owned by Perry, Wheelock and Flint.

Benjamin W. Perry, 205 Maple street, Danvers, testified to finding his horse mutilated. The animal's ears were cut and the hair hacked from his tail. He and Stiles, he said, had not spoken for some time.

John F. Wheelock of Pine street, Danvers, testified to the mutilation of his horse. Daniel H. Flint of Goodell street, West Peabody, told of similar work done to a horse owned by him.

Chief of Police Joseph Merrill of Danvers testified to finding a blood-stained saddle, bridle, blanket, overalls and towel in the barn of W. K. Bigelow in Danvers. Stiles had denied that he had used them on expeditions to mutilate animals. He had been told by Mr. Bigelow and J. M. Sanborn that Stiles had killed two chickens and that this would account for the bloodstains.

Dr. Charles Harrington of the Harvard medical school testified that the stains found on the harness and clothing were not those of chicken blood, but resembled that from a horse.

Chief of Police Michael H. Grady of Peabody testified to investigating the mutilation of Mr. Flint's horse and his suspicion of Stiles.

Arthur M. Peabody, who lives on the Andover turnpike, near Pope lane, in Danvers, testified that about 1.45 a. m. Oct. 31, he heard his mother talking to some one at the front door. He looked out of the window and saw a man whom he afterward identified as Stiles. He was asking the way to Danvers, saying he was from Boston, and had lost his way. On cross examination he admitted that he identified Stiles by the latter's voice alone.

The case was submitted to the court without argument. Judge Holden reserved his decision until Saturday.

Fancy ink stands and desk novelties. Lawler's.

SENATOR INDICTED

GRAND JURY RETURNED TRUE BILL AGAINST DIETRICH.

OMAHA, Dec. 18.—The U. S. grand jury yesterday made its report to the court, returning 19 true bills. These include indictments against U. S. Senator Charles H. Dietrich for alleged illegal leasing of a building to the government to be used as a postoffice; Ex-Adjt. Gen. Leonard W. Colby, for the alleged embezzlement of government funds; Daniel Gaines of Bassett, Neb., for alleged perjury in swearing falsely to homestead entries; Ex-State Senator Elliott Lowe for alleged conspiracy to bribe U. S. Senator and Postmaster John S. Mitchell of Alma, charging illegal sale of postage stamps.

The indictments against Senator Dietrich and State Senator Lowe are in addition to those returned against them a week ago.

FOR ALLEGED LARCENY.

Inspector Maher and Officer Peter Cawley yesterday afternoon arrested Marie Louise Duchain, 19, on a warrant charging her with the larceny of a coat valued at $25, the property of Mary L. McGee.

WILL MAKE PROPOSITION.

At a meeting of the creditors of H. B. Shattuck & Son to be held in the law office of Burke & Corbett, this afternoon a proposition will be made to the creditors.

Hand lace trimmings, Oriental Bazaar.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

And will help make it a happy one if you call at either of our stores, Middlesex street or corner of Gorham and Winter streets, where you will find a large stock of Men's, Youths' and Children's Clothing, Boots, Shoes, and furnishing goods suitable for Christmas Presents. Our goods are always the lowest priced and best in the city for the money. We will also give every customer a beautiful 1904 Calendar free. The Calendar is a work of art and has a beautiful photograph of the famous dog Bess and her little family.

Be sure and call at

254 Middlesex St. OR

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JOE STEINBURG, Proprietor

...The Best Ever for Xmas Gifts...

Fine Furs

New Fur Boas,
New Fur Scarfs,
New Fur Muffs,

EITHER FLAT OR ROUND.

A Few Styles and Kinds From Our Immense Stock

Sable Fox Scarfs.....$7.50 to $30.00	Misses' Im. Blue Fox Sets....$5.00
Isabella Fox Scarfs...$7.50 to $30.00	Misses' Sable Fox Sets.....$5.00
Sable Fox Muffs.....$7.50 to $22.50	Misses' Squirrel Sets $7.50
Isabella Fox Muffs ...$7.50 to $20.00	Misses' White Mouflon Sets...$8.98
Mink Scarfs.....$7.50 to $20.00	Misses' Blue Mouflon Sets....$8.98
Marten Scarfs.....$7.50 to $25.00	Misses' River Mink Sets.....$5.00
Sable Opossum Muffs $6.00 to $ 8.75	Misses' Blended Mink Sets $5.98
Electric Seal Muffs...$2.98 to $ 5.00	Children's Hare Sets.....75
Raccoon Muffs.....$5.00 to $15.00	Children's White Lamb Sets $1.25 to $2.00
Marten Muffs.....$8.98 to $20.00	Children's White Angora Sets $1.50 to $2.50
Squirrel Muffs.....$9.50 to $12.00	Electric Coats $17.50
Brown Bear Boas....$10.00 to $35.00	Nearseal Coats.....$25.00 to $45.00
Misses' Lambs' Wool Sets....$ 4.00	
Misses' Silver Hare Sets.....$ 5.00	
Misses' Im. Ermine Sets.....$ 5.00	

New Rain Coats $10, $13.50, $15.00
New Feather Boas $7.50, $10.90, $17.50

Special Xmas Sale Now Going On

The Best Trading Stamps (S. H. Green) Given

Chris Holmes' Specialty Store, 124 and 126 Mer'k St.

USEFUL, ATTRACTIVE, ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE

Everybody admires fine footwear, and everybody tries to have it in one form or another. There is nothing you can give at this season that is so sure of appreciation. Don't let the matter of size trouble you; we shall be pleased to adjust all differences in the week following Christmas and can guarantee a perfect fit and satisfaction. Our stock embraces everything in the way of footwear for young and old from the daintiest slipper to a hip rubber boot.

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WE GIVE TRADING STAMPS

WHAT 50 Cents WILL BUY

COMBINATION POCKETBOOKS,
PURSES,
SEWING BOXES,
CABINET FRAMES,
FRAMED PICTURES,
STANDARD BOOKS,
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BRASS CALENDAR STAND,
SILVER POCKET PENCIL,
GIFT STATIONERY,
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POCKET COMPANIONS,
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108 Merrimack St.

We Give Trading Stamps

STRENGTH

That is what I claim for the FIRE INSURANCE companies I represent.

FACTS—Total assets of the six stock companies represented over $10,000,000.

LARGE COMPANIES
LARGE ASSETS
WHAT MORE?

Personal attention to your business because I want it.

FRANK BROWN MURPHY

52 CENTRAL STREET.

$40,000!

The Great Money Raising Sale

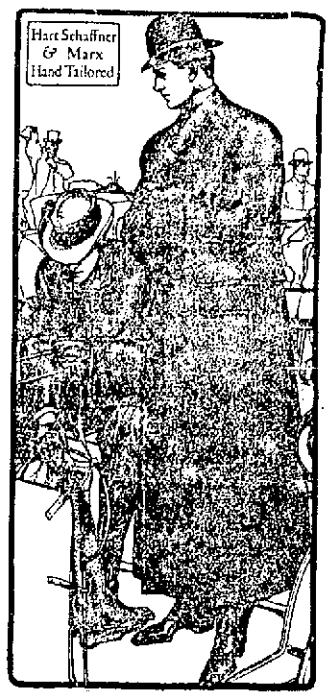
OF MEN'S, BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S

High Grade Clothing

$40,000 to be raised by Jan. 1st. Last Saturday the biggest Overcoat day of the season. More coats sold than on any one day up to date. Tomorrow will be still bigger. Come early in the day.

Men's and Young Men's Overcoats

Long Coats, Short Coats, Full Box Coats, Belted Coats, all styles of make and fabric, marked down for this sale.



$10 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	7.75
$12 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	8.75
$15 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	9.75
$15 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	12.75
$18 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	12.75
$18 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	14.75
$20 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	14.75
$22 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	16.50
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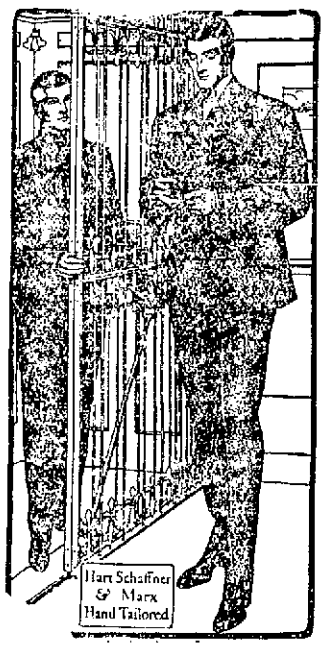
$30 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	24.50



Men's and Young Men's Suits

All the Men's and Young Men's Suits in fancy mixtures in all styles, and at all prices from the cheapest to the best, to go at this time. You take your pick from our entire stock of new suits

$10 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	7.75
$12 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	8.75
$15 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	12.75
$18 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on Sale now at	14.75
$20 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	14.75
$22 Men's and Young Men's Wintes Suits on sale now at	18.00
$25 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	20.00

Boys' and Children's Overcoats

Every coat 3 to 16 years marked down, long or medium length, plain or belted back, all included in this sale.

$10.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 10 to 16 years, on sale now at	7.75
$8.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 10 to 16 years, on sale now at	6.50
$7.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years, on sale now at	5.75
$6.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years, on sale now at	4.75
$5.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years, on sale now at	4.25 and 3.75
$4.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years on sale now at	3.50
$3.50 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 8 years, on sale now at	2.75
$3.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 8 years, on sale now at	2.25
$2.50 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 8 years, on sale now at	2.00

Boys' and Children's Suits

In Sailors, Norfolk and Three-Piece Style marked down for this sale. All sizes, 3 to 17 years, in a great variety of styles and patterns.

$5.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	3.25
$5.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	4.25
$6.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	4.50 and 4.75
$7.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	5.75
$4.00 and $5.00 Norfolk Suits, ages 5 to 16 years, on sale now at	2.75
$3.00 and $3.50 Sailor Suits, ages 3 to 10 years, on sale now at	2.00
$4.00 and $5.00 Sailor Suits, ages 3 to 10 years, on sale now at	2.75
30 Vestee Suits, in ages 3 to 6 years, all fine suits and have sold at $4, $5 and $6, all now marked	2.00
20 Reefers and Long Overcoats, all in 3 and 4 yr sizes, fine little coats that sold at $4, $5, now mark'd	2.00

Whatever You Want for Yourself or Boys You Can Make a Big Saving By Buying Here This Month. THE BIG MONEY SAVING SALE.

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FROM YESTERDAY'S LATE EDITIONS

HARRY JONES

Lowell Boy Wanted by the Virginia Police

Charged With Making a $1 Check $9—He's an Athlete and Bogus Magazine Agent—He is Also Wanted in Concord, N. H.

From Richmond, Va., a few days ago, came the somewhat sensational story of a girl, sweet 16, masquerading in boys' clothing, doing remarkable horizontal bar work in gymnasiums and jumping board bills. The alleged young man gave the name of Harry M. Jones, and said he belonged in Lowell.

The dispatch stated that not until the arrest of Jones was it discovered that Harry was a girl. The message from Richmond stated that the superintendent of police of this city had been communicated with and that he had sent back word that the girl in question was a mill girl who had disappeared from her home in this city several weeks ago. The fact of the matter was that Supt. Moffatt had not heard a word about the case until it was told him by a Sun reporter. The man who wrote the story in Richmond took liberties with the facts.

It has since transpired, however, that there was a Harry Jones in Richmond, Va., and he accomplished all that the Richmond despatch credited to the girl in the story and the police are now wondering how it happened that Harry M. Jones was suspected of being a girl.

The police are satisfied that Harry belongs in Lowell. He lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Sheldon, 100 Lilley avenue, from the time he was 2 years old until last July. He was then 15 years old and he left his grandmother to join his mother in Woonsocket, R. I. He did not reach Woonsocket and his mother and grandmother have not heard from him since that time.

Harry was exceptionally clever and was very fond of magazines. The story that came from Richmond, Va., about Harry Jones, supposed to be a girl, said that he professed to be an agent for certain magazines and that he obtained money in advance on the strength of his representations. While in Lowell Harry often said he would like to travel as the representative of some good magazine.

Harry's identity was discovered because of a telegram that Supt. Moffatt received yesterday, from the chief of police of Lexington, Va., asking him to send Harry's picture, if possible. He said that the boy hailed from Lowell and gave the names of several persons whom he knew in this city. Harry got into trouble in Lexington by raising a $1 check to $9. He introduced himself as a general agent for Everybody's Magazine and a man by the name of Burke subscribed for the magazine and gave the boy a check for $1. Harry was a little bit short at the time and he made the one a nine just to save himself the trouble of earning eight.

The Lexington chief of police said in his letter to Mr. Moffatt that the boy is exceptionally clever and he expects that he was doing a big business in that section of the country.

Close upon the heels of the message from Lexington, Ky., came a message from a law firm in Concord, N. H., addressed to Supt. Moffatt asking him about a young fellow named Harry M. Jones. The writer, one of the firm, said: "Our clients are anxious to meet the young man."

While in Lowell, so far as the police know, Harry managed to steer clear of the strong arm of the law. His name does not appear on the books at police station and he is unknown to the officers. Supt. Moffatt will make a further investigation of Harry's case and it is possible that some new developments may be produced.

SAD DISCOVERY

Family Affected With Contagious Diseases

A sad case of poverty and illness was brought to the attention of Secretary Courtney by Dr. Pierre Brunelle today, who reported three cases of scarlet fever and one of diphtheria in the family of a Mrs. McDonald on Chestnut street.

Mrs. McDonald, whose husband has left her, was the sole support of her family of little ones, working every day in the mill until the children took ill, when she was forced to remain at home to care for them.

Dr. Brunelle who was sent to attend the family found the children suffering with scarlet fever. Yesterday the mother took ill and it was discovered today that she is a victim of diphtheria while her youngest child whose case was diagnosed as scarlet fever now appears to have membraneous croup.

Secretary Courtney lost no time in notifying the health department of the state of affairs and Inspector Bates upon investigating removed the entire family to the Lowell hospital, where they will receive proper care.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

SIX TEAMS AGREE ON A SCHEDULE.

The amateur basketball league was organized this afternoon. Managers of six clubs met with Manager Gray at Huntington hall and agreed upon a schedule. The games will be played prior to the big games in Huntington hall. Tonight the Brooksides and the Crimsons will line up at 7.30. Saturday night the Boys' club, Nos. 1 and 2, will play, and next Tuesday night the contestants will be the Warrens and the Jugglers.

TELEGRAPH CABLES

BEING LAID IN CENTRAL STREET TODAY.

Employes of the Postal Telegraph company are laying the heavy cables in the lower part of Central street today preparatory to making connections with the office.

PATTEE ILL

CITY MESSENGER CONFINED TO HIS HOME.

City Messenger Joseph E. Pattee is confined to his home by illness and all questions are being answered by Janitor Delmage.

Mr. J. Leggett, formerly in the jewelry business in Central street, is now with Filion the jeweler, corner of Prescott and Central streets.

GENERAL BLACK

Offered Civil Service Commissionership

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The president has tendered the position of civil service commissioner made vacant by the death of John R. Proctor to Gen. John C. Black of Chicago.

Gen. Black is commander-in-chief of the Grand Army.

CARS DESTROYED

RAILROAD TRAFFIC BLOCKED FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

WESTERLEY, R. I., Dec. 17.—The burning of six freight cars and a caboose at Stonington Junction, Conn., was instrumental in stalling the Colonial express and two other passenger trains at that point for an hour or so today. The fire was caused by the overturning of a caboose onto a flat car, the cars ignited from an upset stove in the caboose. Because of the great distance from hydrants the Stonington fire department was unable to cope with the element, but by means of extinguishers and the organization of a bucket brigade, the fire was subdued after hard efforts. The track was cleared this afternoon.

WANTS TO PROSECUTE

GOV. GARVIN'S POSITION IN THE BRIBERY CASES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—In accordance with his decision made yesterday Gov. Garvin today requested Atty Gen. Stearns to render an opinion in regard to the advisability of prosecuting persons in Rhode Island towns who are charged with bribery by inspectors who made investigation on election day. The report of their findings was presented to the governor a few days ago.

FORCED TO STEAL

STORY TOLD BY GIRLS UNDER ARREST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Colin Gilson and Fannie Lewis, the New York girls known to the police as the "schoolhouse" workers, will be arraigned today. They tell conflicting tales.

Besides confessing to many thefts from schoolhouses, the girls say they have taken many articles from stores. Both girls declare they were never guilty of any wrongdoing before they were lured here two weeks ago by two men.

The Gilson girl says her mother drove her from home.

NEARING THE END

Prosecution in Rogers Trial

IS EXPECTED TO REST THIS AFTERNOON

Mrs. Laura Perham Was Recalled

DENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 17.—It was expected at noon today that the prosecution in the trial of Mrs. Mary A. Rogers for the alleged murder of her husband would rest its case before adjournment today. The trial opened a week ago yesterday. There was much wrangling between the lawyers, in the course of the forenoon proceedings today, over law points, and the admission of certain evidence. The principal contention was over the attempt of the prosecution to introduce testimony to the effect that on the night before the alleged murder, Rogers, at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Philipot, had said that he was to meet his wife that evening and that he should destroy his insurance papers before doing so. The court ruled for the defense and excluded the evidence.

It had been intimated earlier in the trial that the prosecution expected the defense to attempt to transfer responsibility for the crime from Mrs. Rogers, the defendant, to Leon Perham, her confessed accomplice. The move made this morning, however, was the first direct attempt to discount the probable defense. Sheriff Henry Wilson of Bennington county, who was called to the stand early in the day, told of wheel tracks found in the dust of the road, when he visited the scene of the alleged murder. Being engaged in an investigation of the case at that time he made a careful examination of the tracks upon the supposition that they might have a bearing on the case. As a result of that examination he was satisfied that the track was made by a bicycle and not by a wheelbarrow or any other flat tired vehicle.

Mrs. Laura Perham, mother of Leon and Levy Perham, who have had a prominent place in the trial, was recalled to the stand today for redirect examination to clear up some apparent discrepancies in her testimony which had been developed by the cross-examination. Following this the woman was subjected to a very severe re-cross-examination. Her memory prover defective as to dates and incidents at her home after Rogers' body had been brought there, and when pressed hard for an answer the woman several times burst intdo tears. Her story in the main was unshaken.

Charles H. Potter, a furniture dealer, told of arrangements made by Mrs. Rogers previous to her husband's death to purchase furniture for a new home. She was about to marry a painter, she said Potter said that when Mrs. Rogers first came to his store she wanted to purchase the furniture on the installment plan, but later she said the payment might be made "in a lump."

Cumulative evidence as to the relations said to have existed between Mrs. Rogers and Morris Knapp, with whom the woman is alleged to have been in love, was introduced. Sele Pike, a livery stable keeper, contradicted a statement made by Leon Perham, that he was at home on the night that Rogers was killed, by testifying that Perham was at work in the stable on that night.

The reference to Rogers' intention to destroy his insurance papers came out in connection with the examination of Mabel Philpot, who, with her sister, Myrtle, described the movements of both Rogers and his wife. The evidence rejected left practically nothing of the testimony of Mabel Philpot, but the fact that Rogers was at the home of the mother of the witness, who was Rogers' aunt, the night before the murder. Myrtle Philpot said that the day after the murder Mrs. Rogers called, saying that she had met her husband the evening before and that he had left her, saying that she would never again look upon his living face. Mrs. Rogers asked advice about sounding the fire alarm to get out parties to search for her husband's body, as she believed he had committed suicide. Finally she said they had quarreled.

"The time may come," she said, "when I'll have to tell it, and I might as well tell it now."

HUSBAND LOST

AND HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Gill Smyth was lost four days without knowing it. He found himself here when his wife, in tears, threw her arms around his neck in the West Philadelphia Terminal of the Pennsylvania railroad and demanded an explanation.

The wife first had to explain to Smyth that he had been lost. Then he was able to tell how it happened.

Smyth, who is a toothbrush manufacturer of Brooklyn, came to Philadelphia and was the guest of J. L. Alliger, of No. 111 North Fifty-ninth street. He had told his wife that he would return home the following Wednesday. When he decided to go to Washington for a few days he wrote to Mrs. Smyth telling her to meet him in Philadelphia. The letter miscarried. Mrs. Smith stirred up the police departments of half a dozen cities. The theory was that the brush manufacturer had met with foul play. He carried considerable money.

Then Alliger was communicated with. He wired to Mrs. Smyth that her husband had gone to Washington. The wife came to Philadelphia and waited. She was indignant that she had not been informed of Smyth's change in plans.

Now the whole trouble is blamed upon the postal department.

MONEY ON CALL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Money on call steady at 5¼; mercantile paper, 6.

Exchanges, $203,552,721; balances, $7,258,899.

POLICE ACCUSED

"Graft" in Bail Bonds Charged

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Herman Froelich, the most notorious straw bondsman in this city, now a Tombs prisoner, is said to have informed the district attorney of a system by which high police officials have made fortunes on "fake" bail bonds.

Mystery is maintained in the district attorney's office concerning the information given by Froelich, but it is said that several sergeants implicated by Froelich, upon learning of his talk with District Attorney Jerome, hastened to the criminal courts building to make denials.

Froelich was arrested on Friday. Yesterday he sent word to Mr. Jerome that he wanted to talk with him, and for an hour they were together.

"I will not deny that information has been given to the office," said Mr. Jerome later in the day. "I will not tell the nature of it. At this time it is not a matter that can well be made public."

Later Deputy Police Commissioners Davis and Piper appeared in Mr. Jerome's office and the three went to luncheon.

Froelich, although arrested only last week, has been "wanted" since last May. The police of the East Fifth street station have been particularly anxious to locate him, for the desk sergeant there accepted many of his "fake" bonds.

The prisoner was always in demand as a bondsman when legitimate bail could not be furnished, and for a fee, it is charged, was willing to sign bail for anybody whom the police recommended.

It has been found that a piece of property the deed of which he put up in 117 cases for the release of prisoners was not owned by him at all. This property, No. 2050 Washington avenue, is really owned by Mary McKenna, who bought it from Froelich before he had put it up for the first time as bail security.

He was a fugitive from justice on another charge, having ignored a special sessions court bench warrant last spring.

Inspector Cortright, when informed of Froelich's alleged confession, was greatly interested and asked the names of the captains and sergeants supposed to have been mentioned. District Attorney Jerome will investigate the charges thoroughly, and if Froelich can be corroborated charges will be made to Commissioner Greene.

RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS

DO NOT REGARD RUSSIAN-JAPANESE AFFAIR SO FAVORABLY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—The reticence of the foreign office here has increased since the despatch of the reply of Russian to Japan, and the officials decline to confirm or deny reports of the character of the reply printed abroad. The feeling in diplomatic circles today is not quite so optimistic as it has been. It has been said the unfavorable impression apparently created on the Japanese government by the reply is due to Russia's unwillingness to place the settlement of the Corean and Manchurian questions on the same footing. Russia desires to cover only the former with the treaty, leaving the latter on a sort of understanding, the exact character of which is not determined upon. Further negotiations will be necessary if Japan insists, with the alternative of their entire suspension. If the negotiations are broken off it will not necessarily mean eventualities.

THE McKAY WILL

NO ACTION TAKEN BY PROBATE COURT.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The probate court of Suffolk county was to admit to probate today the will of the late millionaire inventor, Gordon McKay, of Newport, had no opposition been manifested, but as appearances were entered in behalf of two remonstrants, no action was taken. A hearing will be given to the interested parties at a date not yet assigned. The remonstrants to the will which bequeathes several millions to Harvard university, are Nellie S. Abbott of Concord, N. H., a cousin of the deceased, and Mrs. Harriet Foster, a sister of Miss Abbott, and also a resident of Concord.

Both remonstrants were represented by attorneys in court today. Formal objections were filed. The court announced that a hearing would be given at some time agreeable to all interested parties.

STEALING A RIDE

HERBERT PUFFER WAS FATALLY INJURED.

BLACKSTONE, Mass., Dec. 17—Herbert Puffer of Lexington, Mass., was found at about noon today lying on a side track at Blackstone Junction with an arm and a leg crushed, and the other arm broken, but still conscious. He was carried to a Woonsocket hospital, where his injuries were pronounced fatal. He fell from a freight train while stealing a ride. A sister, Mrs. Hughes, lives in Bedford, Mass.

GIRL ESCAPED

BUT HER RESCUER WAS KILLED BY ELECTRIC CAR.

BERLIN, Dec. 17—Miss Von Rheinbaben, daughter of the finance minister, Baron von Rheinbaben, had a narrow escape from serious injury or death today. She fell between two electric cars, but an English naval constructor, Henry Davidson of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, rushed to her assistance and in pulling Miss Von Rheinbaben out of danger was killed by one of the cars. Miss Von Rheinbaben was uninjured.

THE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The stock market opened steady. Amalgamated Copper, 48¾; Atchison, 68½; Baltimore and Ohio, 79; Brooklyn Transit, 51¾; Erie, 23⅞; M. O. P., 93 3-8; Pennsylvania, 117½; Reading, 44¾; Rock Island, 28⅝; Sugar, 124 to 124½; St. Paul, 142¾; Southern Pacific, 48¾; Southern Railway, 31; Union Pacific, 78⅞; U. S. Steel 10⅝; do pfd. 53¾.

IRELAND'S ARMY

Great Britain Has Made Concession

LONDON, Dec. 17—Political conditions and religious feuds have hitherto induced the British government not to allow the extension to Ireland of the volunteer system, which has for many years been established in England and Scotland.

The matter has been often agitated in the press and in parliament, but although the militia has been enrolled for a long time and, like the Irish regulars, proved among the bravest and most valuable of Great Britain's troops, successive governments at London would not sanction a home defence force for Ireland.

The papers this morning state that the introduction of the system to Ireland has been decided upon. Twenty-six battalions will be raised in various parts of the country. Their formation will be provided for in the forthcoming program of army reform prepared by Mr. Arnold-Forster, secretary of state for war.

The last volunteer force in Ireland was raised by the great landowners more than a hundred years ago, when there were fears of a French invasion. The British government did not support the movement, and the viceroy of Ireland was greatly dismayed, although all the volunteers were Protestants.

The present sanction can be traced to the splendid services of the Irish regiments in South Africa and the improved political relations.

"TOO MUCH GIRL"

JURY IN MABEL PARKER CASE COULD NOT AGREE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mabel Parker, the "forger queen," expected to have been acquitted, but after deliberating for nearly four hours the 12 men filed into Judge Cowing's court and announced that they could not agree. Eight ballots were taken by the jury. On the last ballot seven jurors voted for acquittal and five for conviction.

Mr. Jerome was notified that no verdict had been reached, and he said that he would call Mabel Parker to trial again in a short time. He said he thought there had been "too much girl" in this trial.

The courtroom was crowded when the case went to the jury. There were many stylishly gowned women in the courtroom who wanted to get a good look at Mabel Parker. She appeared to be somewhat nervous when she heard Mr. Train tell the jury that she was a "clever, witty forger, who ought to be convicted," and she expressed disappointment at the verdict.

NO DETECTIVES

WERE ON THE NEW YORK EXPRESS.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The night express over the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, leaving New Haven at 1.05 a. m., and due in this city at 6.15, arrived practically on time today. The force of detectives, reported to have been on board, armed with rifles and pistols, for the protection of the Adams Express car, was not in evidence.

Inquiry at the railroad offices here elicited the information that the railroad company is not anticipating a hold-up of its Adams Express trains. It was explained that no unusual measures had been adopted. It was added that it is yearly a custom of the company during the holiday season, to protect its Adams Express trains. It was pointed out that the express company annually carries at this time much valuable merchandise and that any measures now being employed are in line with precautionary measures in vogue every year. The presence of detectives, it is stated, is not confined to any particular trains.

RAILROAD SOLD

THEN A NEW CORPORATION WAS FORMED.

CALAIS, Maine, Dec. 17.—The Washington county railroad was sold at public auction today to F. W. Whittredge of New York, president of the Washington County Railroad Co., for $2,300,000, the upset price fixed by the United States circuit court.

After the sale, a new corporation was organized to be known as the Washington County Railway Co. The business will be continued practically under the same management.

Hon. Charles F. Libby of Portland, who was made special master by the decree of Judge Putnam of the United States circuit court at Portland July 6, 1903, conducted the sale. According to his decree, Judge Putnam found that material allegations of the complaint of the Central Trust Co., of the New York in the foreclosure proceedings against the railroad were due and ordered that the road pay on or before Nov. 14th last the sum of $731,414, the amount of the interest on the bonds with accrued interest. Failing to pay this amount, it was ordered the road be sold by the special master at public auction at Calais to the highest bidder, the upset price being fixed at $2,300,000.

THE STATE GRANGE.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17—The New Hampshire state grange closed a three days' session today, hearing reports from standing committees, adopting resolutions and installing officers.

Among the recommendations of the grange are: The erection of a new creamery building and a girl's dormitory, and the establishment of domestic science at the agricultural college; the investigation of the subject of railroad taxation to see whether the present method of its distribution shall be changed at the next session of the legislature; indorsing the movement to secure a national forest reserve in the White mountains; favoring good roads and the extension of electric railways; recommending additional appropriations for rural schools.

A memorial service for members deceased during the year and the installation of the newly elected officers closed the session's program.

Cold, Headache, Catarrh, relieved in 10 minutes.—Rev. W. H. Main, pastor of the Baptist Emmanuel church, Buffalo, gives strong testimony for and is a firm believer in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. He has tried many kinds of remedies without avail. After using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I was benefited at once," are his words. It is a wonderful remedy. One application relieves headache and cold. Sold by Fells & Burkinshaw.—15.

PRESIDENT SIGNED CUBAN BILL

WASHINGTON, DEC. 17.—THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE CUBAN RECIPROCITY BILL A FEW MINUTES BEFORE ONE O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON.

SPECIAL JURY

TO HEAR CHARGES AGAINST BERLIN BANKER.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17—In the United States district court this noon Judge Edgar Aldrich presiding, a special grand jury was empanelled to hear the charges against Albert H. Eastman, the Berlin banker who was arrested on Wednesday at Woodsville charged with making false entries on the books of the Berlin National bank.

The grand jury panel is as follows: Amos C. Chase of Kingston, foreman; A. B. Stimson, Concord; Harris E. Waite, Lebanon; Josiah E. Fernald, Concord; Alonzo Elliott, Manchester; Charles H. Spofford, Claremont; John S. Shepard, Franklin; Charles H. Blackett, Greenland; David Urch, Portsmouth; Arthur T. Cass, Tilton; Warren C. Cox, Bristol; Elisha P. Hicks, Colebrook; Andy Holt, Lyndeborough; L. D. Clement, North Ware; J. E. Hopkins, Walter L. Jenks, Benjamin S. Rolfe, Henry C. Brown, Concord.

After the jury had been sworn and brief instructions as to their duties given them by Judge Aldrich, a recess was taken for dinner.

This afternoon the presentation of testimony was begun by District Attorney Charles J. Hamblett. A large number of witnesses, principally from the northern part of this state, are here in readiness to give their evidence.

The grand jury is made up for the most part of men prominent in the business life of the state, Messrs. Fernald, Cass and Elliott, being leading bankers.

ACCUSED BY WIFE

SAYS HER HUSBAND IS A TORTURER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Dorothy E. Lewis, who is suing Harry L. Lewis of No. 274 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, for separation, alimony and the custody of their 10-year-old son, alleges extreme cruelty, beginning immediately after their marriage in North Dakota in 1892.

She was but 16 when she married, and she alleges that her husband almost immediately began to terrify her with threats and kicks, often scratching her, pulling her hair and compelling her to sleep upon the floor. At the end of the first year of their married life she weighed but 90 pounds, her weight as a bride having been 128 pounds. She declares that she frequently contemplated suicide, but put aside her temptations for the sake of their little son.

WANTS HIS MONEY

ATTARIAN HAS DECLINED TRANSPORTATION OFFERED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17—The American vice consul at Alexandrotta telegraphs that Attarian has declined the transportation tendered him by the authorities until the latter refund him the cash seized at the time of his arrest.

The sum of $2500 was found on the person of Attarian at the time of his arrest.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

10.10 a. m.—Opening dealings in stocks in the stock market were only in moderate volume and there were few changes of importance. Brooklyn Transit rose nearly a point. Sugar opened slightly lower but rallied and fluctuated rather uncertainly on the enactment of the Cuban treaty.

11 a. m.—The market displayed the same characteristics as yesterday, namely ostentatious bidding up of leading specialties while the railroads were neglected. Consolidated Gas responded with a rise of 2 points and Amalgamated, Sugar and Brooklyn Transit 1. Selling of Penna and St. Paul affected the entire list and railroads declined below yesterday's closing. Penna reacted from 117 1-2 to 116 5-8 and the rise in Sugar and Brooklyn Transit was cancelled. The market hardened again before the end of the hour.

Noon—Prices sagged again on a very apathetic demand with some special pressure on the coalers. Lackawanna, however, advanced 2½ and Smelting pfd. a point. Metropolitan securities and Anaconda lost a point. Bonds were steady.

1 p. m.—United States Steel preferred's price, crept up gradually until it had risen a point despite the heaviness of the list. Locomotive and General Electric gained a similar amount, and Consolidated Gas extended its rise to 4 points. The general market meanwhile was listless but sympathized slightly later when Sugar was put under pressure. That stock ran off a point below yesterday's final prices.

2 p. m.—Amalgamated, United States Steel pfd. and Brooklyn Transit, which had been conspicuously strong at various times fell back good fractions and the western stocks also became heavy. Changes were rather wider in the usually dormant stocks, North American for instance, losing 2½; New Jersey and Metropolitan Securities 2. About 2 o'clock United States Steel pfd. was bought in 1000 and 2000 share blocks and rose again to 54¼, with a steadying effect all around.

POSTMASTERS NAMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president today sent to the senate the following nominations for postmasters:

Massachusetts—Everett I. Nye, Wellfleet.

Rhode Island—William M. Gorham, Bristol; John A. Allen, Peacedale; Benjamin B. Martin, Warren.

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1 lb. pkg. Best Seeded Raisins	10c
1 lb. pkg. best Currants, 9c; 3 pkgs.	25c
1 lb. pkg. Mince Meat	7c
1 can Poultry Seasoning	5c
1 can Powdered Sage	5c
1 can Thyme or Majoram	5c
Celery Salt	6c Bottle
Curry Powder	9c Bottle
Campbell's Salad Dressing	9c Bottle
1 can Plum Pudding	9c
Fancy Corsican Citron	14c lb.
Mixed Peel	14c lb.
Mixed Nuts	12c lb.
English Walnuts	18c lb.
Sweet Oranges	18c doz.
Seedless Lemons	15c doz.
2 lb. can Bartlett Pears	10c
25c can Asparagus (El Rio brand)	17c
2 lbs. Kennedy's Common Crackers	9c
2 lbs. Kennedy's Ginger Snaps	9c
Kennedy's Nic Nac Crackers	5c lb.
Kennedy's Soda Crackers,	5c lb.
Kennedy's Lemon Crackers	5c lb.
The Very Best Pure Java and Mocha Coffee	28c lb.

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SCHWAB'S FIGURE

Was Accepted by Charles Steele

TESTIMONY IN SHIPBUILDING CO. HEARING

Pam and Schwab Interested Spectators

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The hearing on the application to make permanent the receivership of the United States Shipbuilding Co., was resumed here today, Charles Steele, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Co., being on the witness stand for a short examination as to the connection of that firm with the promotion of the shipbuilding company, and the sale to it of the Bethlehem Steel plant. At the hearing last week George W. Perkins, of the same firm, testified that Mr. Steele had had charge of this matter.

The hearing today was transferred from the offices of Guggenheimer, Untermyer and Marshall, where it had previously been held, to the New York board of trade and their rooms, on account of the frequent verbal passages between Counsel Guthrie and Untermeyer. Mr. Untermeyer objecting to Mr. Guthrie's intimations that he was subject to insult under Mr. Untermyer's roof. Max Pam and Charles M. Schwab were interested spectators.

Counsel Untermyer immediately began questioning Mr. Steele about the purchase and sale of the Bethlehem plant by J. P. Morgan & Co., as syndicate managers for the United States Steel Corporation; and the agreements between C. M. Schwab and Robert P. Linderman, of the Bethlehem plant, and J. P. Morgan & Co., for the purchase of the Bethlehem plant in 1901 were produced and admitted in evidence.

The purchase of the Bethlehem plant by J. P. Morgan & Co., as syndicate managers, was arranged by Mr. Schwab and Morgan & Co., in June, 1901, Mr. Schwab assigning to the steel syndicate a contract which he had for the purchase of a control of the Bethlehem stock. Mr. Steele said the purchase was made in order that the steel corporation might be able to control the disposal of the Bethlehem plant, its permanent ownership being considered disadvantageous to the steel corporation and the desire being to re-sell it to owners favorable to the steel company, though no special purchaser was in view at this time. Mr. Steele, though a director of the steel corporation, professed himself ignorant of the competitive or non-competitive status of Bethlehem and Carnegie armor plate plants, the latter of which was owned by the steel syndicate.

The circumstances and details of the purchase of the Bethlehem stock by Morgan & Co., were gone into at great length. Mr. Steele testifying that he had accepted Mr. Schwab's opinion of the value of the plant and had taken the contract for the purchase of the stock at the price Schwab had agreed to pay the original owners, the understanding being that Schwab should share any profits at the resale of the plant. During this inquiry, one of the interchanges of personalities, so frequent at the hearings, between Messrs. Guthrie and Untermyer, took place.

CLEARING HOUSE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Clearing house statement. Exchanges $21,963,310; balances, $1,778,530.

SENATOR HOAR

Stands for the Isthmian Canal

WANTS NO SUSPICION CAST AGAINST NATION

Sen. Gorman Says Information Was Suppressed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—At the beginning of today's session of the senate, Mr. McComas (Maryland) reported a bill from the committee on patents, providing for the protection of foreign exhibitors or artistic, musical and literary works at the St. Louis world's fair and at his request the bill was given immediate consideration and passed.

Mr. Hoar addressed the senate on his resolution calling upon the president for such information as may be in his possession relative to the status of the republic of Panama when the treaty with that country was negotiated. He said that no man in the country desired more eagerly than himself to support the administration and act with his party associates in the senate chamber. He was favorably disposed to the isthmian canal and moreover he was anxious that the construction of the canal should be accomplished in his life time and by the republican party. He was also desirous that the president of the United States should build the great water way. But, anxious as he was for the accomplishment of all these ends, he was even more anxious that the canal should be built without "taint or suspicion of national dishonor."

"What we want to know is," he said "did this government, knowing that a revolution was about to take place, so arrange matters that the revolution, whether peaceable or otherwise, should be permitted to go on without interruption, and whether our national authorities took measures to prevent Colombia from stopping it."

Mr. Gorman followed Mr. Hoar. He ridiculed the Panama revolution and claimed that the administration had suppressed information. He also denied some of the statements made by Mr. Loomis.

WITH GOLD PEN

SPEAKER CANNON SIGNED THE CUBAN TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—When the house convened today the speaker signed the bill carrying into effect the Cuban reciprocity treaty, using a gold pen provided by the Cuban minister.

MILL CLOSED

OPERATIVES DID NOT REPORT FOR WORK.

VALLEY FALLS, R. I., Dec. 17.—The cotton mill of the Nashuon company in this town is shut down today as the result of the entire force of operatives absenting themselves at opening time this morning. About 150 men are idle. The owners of the company went out yesterday afternoon, claiming that the cuts of cloth had been lengthened 15 to 18 yards and the other operatives are out in sympathy with their fellow workmen.

JEWELRY STOLEN.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 17.—The residence of John C. Ashley of this city was broken into early today and a considerable quantity of silverware, jewelry and cutlery, together with two gold watches, were stolen. No clue to the identity of the housebreakers exists.

RUSSIA'S REPLY

Is Not Satisfactory to Japan

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—The conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito, and the cabinet ministers yesterday, resulted according to a semi-official statement, in a determination to oppose a strong front to Russia, in view of the latter's unsatisfactory reply to the Japanese proposals.

DRAFT NOT ACCEPTABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 17—The Associated Press is informed that an intimation has been received here in official quarters from Japan that the Russian draft of the proposed agreement is not acceptable in its present form and that further negotiations on important questions of principle will be necessary before a final settlement can be reached. Both the Japanese and British officials in London, however, maintain the views they expressed in these dispatches Dec. 14, that a distinct step toward peace has been made and they remain optimistic in regard to an ultimate pacific settlement.

A FINAL ATTEMPT.

TOKIO, Dec. 17—Another report says that it is understood that although the Russian reply was considered highly unsatisfactory, the conference of Japanese statesmen has decided to make another and probably last attempt to arrive at a friendly settlement.

The situation is considered grave. Even the most sober section of the Japanese press declares it is high time for action.

RUNAWAY GIRLS

TWO OF THEM FOUND HALF FROZEN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Catherine Delaney, aged 13, and Eugenia Silleck, fifteen, two Peekskill girls, whose parents are in comfortable circumstances, ran away from their homes on Tuesday afternoon and made their way to Yonkers, having conceived a dislike for the monotony of school life. They had just enough money to pay for one night's lodging in a cheap hotel. Yesterday they wandered half frozen about the streets. It was piercing cold and the realization that they were two lonely little girls, far from home, forced itself upon them and dispelled the glamour with which they had viewed runaway life. They were glad when a policeman spoke to them, and tearfully confessed that they were truants. Their parents were telegraphed for and they were taken back to Peekskill.

CRANE AND LODGE

WERE GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt entertained at luncheon today former Governor W. Murray Crane and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Secretaries Root and Cortelyou. The fact that Gov. Crane was at the luncheon in addition to being an invited guest to the president's cabinet dinner tonight, induced considerable comment. It has been known for many months that it is the desire of the president that Gov. Crane should be identified in some definite capacity with the presidential campaign next year. Indeed, it has been suggested that he might be the chairman of the republican national committee in the event of Senator Hanna's refusal to again accept the place. It can be said, however, that that particular subject was not discussed at the luncheon today. Mr. Hanna has been requested by the president to retain the position of national chairman, and unless he shall have determined definitely whether or not he will accept the chairmanship, no move regarding the matter will be made. In any event, it is understood Gov. Crane will fill an important place in the campaign management next year. Today's luncheon party discussed political affairs informally but assurance is given that beyond that the conference was of no general significance.

TWO REPORTS

WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE WOOD CASE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate committee on military affairs met today and decided to postpone action on the case of Gen. Leonard Wood until January 4. It is planned to go over the entire testimony that was introduced in the investigation of charges and give time for the preparation of the majority and minority reports which will be made. The majority report, it is expected, will be an endorsement of Gen. Wood's military and civil record in Cuba.

GENERAL DENIAL

WAS MADE BY RECEIVER PEPPER.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—A denial of the charges made by Receiver Pepper of the Bay State Gas company of Delaware, against Henry H. Rogers of New York, well known capitalist, was filed today in the supreme judicial court of the commonwealth. Mr. Rogers is one of the defendants in the litigation instituted by Receiver Pepper against the Boston Gas Light Co., et. al. He denies substantially all the allegations in the plaintiff's bill and does not waive his demurrer.

CAPT. PHILLIPS

IS CHARGED WITH RECEIVING DOUBLE PAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Charges of duplicating his pay accounts and receiving double pay for the months of October and November were today preferred against Capt. John W. L. Phillips, 27th United States Infantry, by Col. Francis D. Dodge, chief paymaster of the department of the east.

Col. Dodge has forwarded the papers in the case to the paymaster general at Washington for further action.

GENERAL WALLACE ILL

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 17—Gen. Lew Wallace is in New York under the care of an eminent specialist. He is taking the X-ray treatment for a cancerous condition of the nose, and if this treatment is not successful, may submit to an operation.

GIRL IS DEAD

Head Jolted by Lurch of Train

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Miss Mary Lynch, twenty-two years old and pretty, died yesterday at her home at West Farms road and Forest avenue, Westchester, in agony, from an unusual and apparently trivial accident that occurred three weeks ago.

The girl and her mother were returning home from the theatre on a train on the Harlem River branch of the New Haven railroad. Miss Lynch was resting her head on the back of her seat when the train gave a sudden lurch. The jolt caused her head to be jerked back a little and then suddenly forward, but she said it hurt her only for a moment.

"There was a strange pain in the back of my neck for a minute," she said to her mother, "but I feel all right now."

She recovered so quickly that Mrs. Lynch, when asked for her name and address, said she would not make any complaint.

A week later Miss Lynch suddenly developed spinal meningitis. Specialists were called in, but they could not save her.

The strange death of the girl is puzzling physicians and specialists. They say only an autopsy would show what brought on spinal meningitis.

Dr. J. D. Dunn, of Fordham hospital, who was called in consultation with Dr. Pound, of Westchester, said last night:

"I regard her death as rather strange, because a person of the age of Miss Lynch seldom dies from spinal meningitis."

Three weeks ago Miss Lynch was one of the most robust girls in Westchester. When she was suddenly taken ill it was thought she had malarial fever. She complained of intense pains in her head and for nearly three days before her death she was unconscious.

STABBED HAZER

WESLEYAN FRESHMAN SHOT AT ANOTHER.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 17—In a desperate fight against hazers, Frank D. Taylor, a Wesleyan freshman and right tackle of the 'Varsity eleven, last night fired a blank cartridge in the face of a sophomore and stabbed Howard M. Richard, a senior. Richard's eye narrowly escaped being gouged out and he was brought home here today.

Taylor weighs 185 pounds. He was selected for a hazing discipline. He fired his pistol so close to an invader at the window as to blacken his hat and then backed right and left in the crowd with a screwdriver. One blow pinned Richard's hat to his forehead.

The frenzied young giant was finally disarmed.

WON FIRST PRIZE.

At the whist party last evening, which was held at the residence of Mr. J. A. Coram, the first gentleman's prize, a silk umbrella, was won by Mr. Thomas P. Boulger, and the first ladies' prize, a silver vase, was awarded to Mrs. Boulger. It seems from this that Mr. and Mrs. Boulger are not only fine vocalists but extremely clever whist players.

UNIVERSITY CLOSED

BECAUSE OF DEATH OF PRESIDENT'S WIFE.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 17.—Mrs. James B. Angell, wife of the president of the University of Michigan, died at her residence here today of pneumonia. The university was closed today as a mark of respect for her memory and the president's bereavement and will not be reopened until after the holidays. Mrs. Angell, who was born in Providence, R. I., was the daughter of Alexis Caswell, once president of Brown university, and had spent her whole life in college work. She was married to President Angell in 1845. Mrs. Angell presided over the American legation at Pekin, China, while Mr. Angell was United States minister to that country. She was also a prominent member of the woman's board of the world's fair at Chicago. Mrs. Angell is survived by three children, Prof. James D. Angell of Chicago University, Mrs. A. C. McLaughlin of Washington and Alexis C. Angell, of Detroit.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton spot closed quiet, 25 points higher. Middling uplands, 12.70; middling gulf, 12.95; sales, 1,025 bales.

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Ellen Walsh of Lowell, in said county, that she was lawfully married to Dennis Walsh, now of parts unknown, at Boston, in said commonwealth, on the twenty-fifth day of October, A. D. 1867, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Dennis Walsh lived together as husband and wife in this commonwealth, to wit, at said Boston and at said Lowell; that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said Dennis Walsh being wholly regardless of the same, at said Lowell on or about the twenty-second day of October, A. D., 1882, utterly deserted your libellant and has continued such desertion from said date to the date of the filing of this libel, being more than three years next prior to the filing hereof.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Dennis Walsh.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of October, A. D. 1903.

her
ELLEN X WALSH.
mark

Witness to mark, A. B. Tolman.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss

Superior Court, November 27, A. D. 1903.

Upon the libel aforesaid it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our justices of said court, at Cambridge, in said county, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, once in week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the last known residence of the libellee, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest, THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

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Chas. W. Taylor, M. D., graduate of Harvard Medical School, later of Eye and Ear Infirmary of Boston, late medical examiner of Massachusetts Medical Society, late physician and surgeon of Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, and at present physician and surgeon of Lowell Eye and Ear Infirmary.

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WANTED—Drug clerk with three or four years experience. Address Drugs, Sun office.

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THREE GOOD HUSTLERS wanted; must be ambitious men; who will work for promotion; experience not necessary; salary and commission; come at once. Apply 13 Merrimack square, room 1.

WANTED—A girl 16 or 17 or middle-aged woman to assist in housework and care of children. Mrs. Snow, Tolman avenue, second house on left.

WANTED—Protestant girl for general housework. Apply to 289 Stevens street, just off Westford street.

FREE—Six handsomely decorated tea cups and saucers, also beautifully dressed dolls and watches, etc., for selling only 15 10c packages of perfumery. Lowell Perfume Co., box 994, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—At once, an experienced girl for housework in small family. Apply at 167 Sixth street, corner of Vernon.

WANTED—A cook for boarding house. Apply 312 Market street.

WANTED—1000 boys and girls to sell 20 waxing pads at 10c a package and receive a pair of club skates free of charge. Send name and address to Laundry Specialty Co., 88 Proctor street, South Framingham, Mass.

WANTED—A housekeeper, very little work. Apply Mr. Wilson, 37 Court street, Ayer City.

WANTED—Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 712 Suffolk street.

WANTED—Men everywhere; good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs etc.; no canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

WANTED

YOUNG MEN to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by board of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 84 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

WANTED—To borrow $200 on personal property, good security, at reasonable rate; no brokers. Address D. 3, Sun office.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 469, Lowell, Mass.

DRESSMAKER would like a few engagements by day or week or would take work home. Call between 7.30 and 9 p. m. 161 Warren street.

WANTED—Washing and ironing; first class work done by colored woman; taken home. Call at 104 Washington street.

YOUNG LADIES to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by boards of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 85 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

WANTED—Sewing or repairing of all kinds; will go out by the day. Call or address 41 Cedar street.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—On Fletcher street, somewhere between the Middlesex street depot and Bowers street, a silver chain belt with heavy ornaments. The finder will be suitably rewarded on leaving the same at 462 Fletcher street.

FOUND—A pocketbook containing small sum of money. Owner can have by calling at 211 Church street.

LOST—Wednesday noon between 10th street and 144 Merrimack street, a German silver chatelaine bag containing small sum of money. Reward at 8 West 11th street.

FOUND—Gold locket. Owner can have by proving property and paying advertisement at this office.

LOST—A grey fur glove between Central and Market streets. Return to T. Gray, 19 Tolman avenue, and receive reward.

LOST—A side bag containing money, keys and other articles. Return to Sun office and receive reward.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Double house on Elm street, must go; terms easy. Call at once at 9 Elm street or lose it.

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 8500 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit, also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter street. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 241 Central street.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Position by experienced stenographer; also knowledge of single entry. Address S., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation in private family or with doctor; will work reasonable for the winter. S. E. W., Sun office.

WANTED—By a young man, position as clerk in an office, with chance of advancement. Address Perseverance, Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by respectable young lady at housework in small family. Address A. R. A., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

WANTED—Situation at general housework in boarding house or for private family by capable and experienced young woman. Inquire Sun office.

The Washington Savings Institution

DEPOSITS

$1,200,000.00

265 Central Street
Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—New range, open grate, chamber set, also other new furniture, cheap. 161 Warren street.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 438 Riverside street. Telephone 452-2.

FOR SALE—A lady wishes to sell some new silverware. Address C. J., Sun office.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Furnished boarding house full of boarders. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutter, 694 Mammoth road, Drucut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business; a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 69 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years, an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 5c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

$5 GIVEN AWAY—$5 worth of trading stamps given away with 1 lb. of our best Baking Powder at 50c; $5 worth with one pound of any kind of our 50c or 60c Tea; $2 worth with one pound of our famous 35c Coffee; this tea and coffee is worthy of attention; they are the best ever offered for the money. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., 337 Thorndike street, Davis square.

WHITE SEWING MACHINES, 376 Bridge St.—The Automatic drop machine is King; it is a real eyeopener; we sell the Queen also; we repair all kinds of sewing machines; give us a call.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 30 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mecerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnsley ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns—up to date; in fact, everything is the latest

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

W. S. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 71 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 2 to 10 p. m.

MRS. FLETCHER, 763 Gorham street, trance business medium and card reader.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack Woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padien at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1054 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and second hand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hanson, Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT YOUR mattresses made over at your home call at 940 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year. Repairing a specialty. 251 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 200,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOTHERS—Bent's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

BUSINESS CHANCES

GREAT opportunity offered; $1000 for $150, $100 for $15. For particulars write American Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A Stein, 343 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants, and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Lessen paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers hall.

TO LET

TO LET—Furnished room, private family, no other roomers. 15 Elm street.

TO LET—At 105 Butterfield street, furnished room with steam heat, bath and gas; lady preferred. Inquire at 105 Butterfield street.

TO LET—Small tenement on Hildreth street. Apply at Pike's market, Middlesex and Howard streets.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 964 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 634 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 355 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 16 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 942 Middlesex St.

TO LET—Stable. Inquire 56 Franklin street.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET—5, 6, 7-room tenements in good repair. 164 Lawrence street.

You can't expect to weave white satin with blackened hands, any more than you can expect good results from papers with a bogus circulation.

GOV. TAFT

And Friars Reached an Agreement

ROME, Dec. 18.—Full particulars concerning the agreement reached Wednesday between Gov. Taft and the friars providing for the settlement of the friar land question in the Philippines, have not yet been received by the vatican authorities, only a mere announcement that such an agreement had been reached having been cabled from Manila. The news was brought to the pope and he seemed highly delighted, exclaiming "It is the best Christmas box I could have had."

The news was received with equal pleasure in the vatican circles.

In all quarters Gov. Taft and Archbishop Guidi are being warmly congratulated on their success in solving the most intricate of the questions entrusted to their diplomacy.

BUSHNELL BURIED

No Additional Defalcations Found

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18.—The officials of the Yale National bank announced last night they had found no additional evidence of defalcation on the part of Asa C. Bushnell, the cashier, who shot and killed himself Tuesday, and the amount remains practically $18,000.

The funeral of Mr. Bushnell was held last night at his late home, with Gen. E. S. Greeley, president of the bank, as master of ceremonies. Interment will be in Clinton today.

TEN CHINAMEN

LOST THEIR GUIDE AND WERE ARRESTED.

WHATCOM, Wash., Dec. 18.—Ten Chinese who had been deserted by their guide who piloted them across the boundary line into this country, were arrested yesterday as they made their way into this city in a famished and exhausted condition. They had spent Tuesday and Wednesday wandering around in the woods during a terrific downpour of rain. They will be ordered deported.

TORPEDO FLOTILLA

LEFT HAMPTON ROADS FOR KEY WEST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The second torpedo boat flotilla, consisting of the Truxton, Whipple, Worden, Lawrence and Stewart, left Hampton Roads yesterday under convoy of the battleship Texas, for Charleston, S. C., on their way to Key West, which will be their base of operations for the next few weeks.

DAVID SPRICE DEAD.

MAYWOOD, N. J., Dec. 18.—David Sprice, a distant relative of President Roosevelt, is dead at his home here, of apoplexy. He was a wealthy retired merchant and was 65 years old.

Constipation

Can be Cured

Don't Ruin Your System With Dangerous Drugs, Purgatives and Cathartics When a Safe, Sure and Simple Remedy is to be Had From Any Druggist.

If you are constipated you cannot be well—if you are not constipated there is little chance of your becoming sick.

Nature provides the bowels and kidneys to free the system from waste products which, if they remain in the body, become poisons and produce disease.

Poisons not carried away promptly through the bowels or kidneys are forced into the blood and thus injure every part of the system.

Iron-Ox Tablets cure constipation. They do not give temporary relief by dangerous cathartic or purgative action, but go straight to the cause of the trouble, and by securing bowel health and normal kidney and liver activity make constipation impossible.

Anything which shocks the sytem into activity is dangerous. Do not expect immediate perceptible effects from Iron-Ox Tablets. They produce a natural, regular building up of all the functions. This takes a little time, but success is absolutely certain.

Iron-Ox Tablets tone up the entire digestive system, causing perfect digestion, perfect assimilation, and a natural flow of fluids, so that purgatives and cathartics are unnecessary.

Fifty Iron-Ox Tablets in an attractive aluminum case, 25 cents at druggists, or from The Iron-Ox Remedy Co. Detroit, Mich., U. S. A.

It Takes a Dainty Cook to Make Better

CAKE or BREAD

—THAN—

HARRY RICHARDSON

26 MERRIMACK SQUARE.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Rescinds the Foul Strike Rule

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The magnates of the American Baseball league at their annual meeting here yesterday, rescinded the foul strike rule adopted last year as an experiment, and declared in favor of a schedule of 154 games in order to meet the extension of the National league schedule.

The playing season will open April 15.

Another session was held this morning when several matters of importance were taken up for settlement.

The board of directors held a meeting last night and went through the formality of awarding the pennant to the Boston club.

TWO MORE DEATHS

FROM TYPHOID FEVER IN BUTLER, PA.

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 18.—Two deaths and four new cases form the typhoid fever record for the day as reported to the executive committee last evening. The contributions now received amount to over $30,000. A carload of canned goods and provisions were donated yesterday.

PLUMMER ELECTED

PRESIDENT OF DOMINION IRON AND STEEL COMPANY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—J. H. Plummer of Toronto was yesterday elected president of the Dominion Iron and Steel company. Hon. J. L. Forget retired from the vice-presidency. Graham Frazier, formerly general manager of the Nova Scotia Steel company succeeds him on the board, and has also been appointed director of the works.

CLASH THREATENED

BETWEEN CITY OFFICIALS AND U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—An order issued yesterday by Judge Grosscup in the United States district court, is likely to precipitate a clash between the city authorities and the federal court. The order of Judge Grosscup was given to the receivers of the Chicago Union Traction company, and granted permission for the construction of overhead trolley wires in Lincoln avenue and Blue Island avenue. Both the city council and the commissioners of public works had previously refused to grant a similar request.

DANCING PARTY

UNDER AUSPICES OF PI ETA CLUB.

The Pi Eta Social club conducted another of its popular series of social and dancing parties last evening in Prescott hall, and like unto all its precedessors the affair proved to be a brilliant function and gratifying success.

About 75 couples were in attendance and enjoyment reigned supreme throughout the evening.

Hibbard's orchestra furnished the music and a well arranged order of dances was carried out. Shortly after 10 o'clock the music ceased and light refreshments were served.

Dancing continued until midnight.

The affair was officered by the following: Walter King, general manager; Peter Perrault, floor director; with William Crawley, Eugene Queenan, John Golden and George Teague as aids.

ADMIRAL EVANS

TO SAIL FOR THE PHILIPPINES AFTER CHRISTMAS.

HONOLULU, Dec. 18.—Rear Admiral Evans received orders yesterday to have the Asiatic squadron, which arrived here Wednesday, in readiness to sail for Cavite after Christmas. Coaling has begun.

CRUSADE STARTED

AGAINST ALLEGED PERJURY IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A crusade against alleged wholesale perjury in bankruptcy proceedings was inaugurated yesterday by the federal authorities with the indictment and arrest of four alleged perjurers. They are Leon Wechsler, formerly a manufacturer of clothing; Kassel Oshinsky, real estate dealer; David Levy and David Lachman. The latter two were formerly associated together in the cotton goods business at 25 East Fourth street, but were thrown into involuntary bankruptcy by creditors in October.

The four men were arraigned before Judge Thomas on charges of perjury. All pleaded not guilty and were released on bonds.

POLO RESULTS.

At Salem—Salem 11, Lynn 4
At Stoneham—Lawrence 7, Stoneham 6.

FOUR MEN KILLED

As a Result of Dynamite Explosion

DUBOIS, Pa., Dec. 18.—Four Italians were killed and two probably fatally injured by a dynamite explosion at Cramer, 10 miles from here, yesterday. The men were working on grading work for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg road and were blasting. Their dynamite was frozen and when they attempted to thaw it the explosion followed, shaking the ground and buildings for nearly a mile.

Purses for men and women, Lawler's.

REV. DR. BAKER DEAD.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Rev. George D. Baker, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church and one of the best known Presbyterian divines in the country, died suddenly here yesterday. Dr. Baker was 61 years of age and was president of the board of directors of the Princeton Theological seminary. He was a graduate of the seminary and held charges in different parts of the country.

Chapped Lips, Face and Hands

Instantly Cured by

Hood's Lotion

All Druggists, 35 cents.
C. I. Hood Co., Lowell.

Wall Paper

—AT—

97 Appleton Street

GEO. E. METCALF & CO.

FIRE INSURANCE

159 Middlesex St.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

DR. FITZHUGH HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

AMESBURY, Dec. 18.—The forward car of a Boston & Maine passenger train was derailed at Salisbury Point crossing yesterday noon by a collision with a team driven by Dr. F. A. Fitzhugh. Dr. Fitzhugh was thrown a distance of 40 feet, but is said to have escaped without serious injury, although he was severely shaken up.

Dr. Fitzhugh was attempting to cross the tracks of the Amesbury branch of the railroad. The horse went under the wheels of the locomotive and was cut into many pieces. The carriage was wrecked.

The baggage car was derailed, but fortunately did not go down the 25-foot bank.

None of the passengers was severely hurt, although a number sustained bruises and were badly shaken up.

The accident happened at the Rocky Hill crossing, about a mile and a half from the business center. Crossing Tender Alfred H. Greene declined to make a statement further than that he held up both hands when the doctor was near the crossing and supposed the doctor would not attempt to drive in front of the rapidly approaching train. When he discovered that the doctor intended to cross, it was too late to prevent the accident. The doctor was unconscious when removed from the ditch.

E. A. Mitchell of Lynn, a passenger upon the train, states that the force of the collision was so great that it threw the passengers in the combination baggage car, where he was riding, from their seats. The train traveled some 200 feet after the car left the rails.

Cheeley's Military Orchestra of Wakefield at the Armory tonight.

Another in the series of ladies' nights will be held in the rooms of the popular Mathew Temperance Institute this evening. Extensive preparations have been made for the entertainment of the fair sex and a large crowd will doubtless be on hand.

Dec. 18th and 19th The Zopher Drug Co. Are Going to Give Away 1000 Full Sized Bottles Absolutely Free of

Crest-All (no-cold-no-cough) the newest, latest and most scientific production of the age for the cure of catarrh and all throat troubles. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass., sole proprietors. Crest-All (no-cold-no-cough) is not a patent medicine, contains no morphine, quinine, aconite or any poisonous drugs; but it is purely a vegetable compound.

DOUBLE GREEN TRADING STAMPS

GIVEN SATURDAY MORNING UNTIL 12 O'CLOCK

Our enlarged store is filled to overflowing with Holiday Goods. For fine goods in Watches, Diamonds, Silverware, Cut Glass, etc., we are headquarters.

New Goods, Low Prices, Quick Service

Come before the Holiday rush. Remember Saturday forenoon we give Double Discount Stamps.

GEO. H. WOOD, Leading Jeweler

137-151 CENTRAL STREET

"OPERATOR OF TEN STORES"

"Christmas comes but once a year
Give useful presents to make good cheer."

Our "Cheerful Credit Plan" PAVES THE ROAD TO CHRISTMAS JOY!

THOUSANDS are enabled to indulge their desire to give practical and useful gifts by reason of our "No-Money-Down Cheerful Charge Privilege." Our Holiday Stocks are ready—complete lines of Xmas wearing apparel for Man, Woman and Child fill every department — never before were we better prepared for the gift-giving season—never before were prices more attractive.

Furs for Xmas

Suggestions of extremely dainty and acceptable gifts pleasingly priced.

$8.00 Fur Scarfs at 5.98
$10.00 Fur Scarfs at 6.98
$12.00 Fur Scarfs at 8.98
$9.00 Fur Scarfs at 6.98
$12.00 Fur Muffs at 8.98
$4.50 Children's Fur Sets at 2.48
$5.00 Children's Fur Sets at 3.48
$8.00 Children's Fur Sets at 5.48

Xmas Sale of Women's Attire

Ladies' $18.00 "Mannish Cloth" Suits Reduced to..... 12.75
Ladies' $15.00 Novelty Mixture Suits Reduced to..... 10.75
Ladies' $20.00 Cheviot Suits Reduced to..... 14.75
Stylish outer garments of real merit for women, Priced at 10.98 to 35
Ladies' Waists for Xmas at 1.98 to 16.75
Ladies' Trimmed Hats for Xmas at 2.98 to 18.75
Children's outer garments unlimited variety at 5.98 to 14.75

Christmas Sale of Reliable

Watches:

If you are looking for a special price on a guaranteed timepiece for a Christmas gift, you can do no better than to select from the stock we have specially arranged for this Xmas season.

Ladies' Watches at 18.75
Chatelaine size, gold filled, guaranteed 20 years, hand engr. H. C. and nickl move.

Ladies' Watches at 22.00
Gold filled H. C. or O. F., guaranteed 20 yrs., hand engr. or engine turned, perfect timekeeper, Elgin or Waltham move.

Men's Watches at 12.75
O. F. gold filled and guaranteed 20 years, engraved or engine turned case, excellent timekeeper, real value $18.

Men's Watches at 30.00
Hand engr. or engine turned, H. C. or O. F., guaranteed 20 yrs., double sunk dial, 15 ruby jewels in gold setting.

Ladies' Chain Watch Guards at 3.00 to 7.75
Newest novelties, solid gold slides, studded with genuine stones.

Ladies' Watches at 30.00
14 kt. solid gold, beautiful engraved case, guaranteed Elgin or Waltham move.

Men's Watches at 23.00
Hand engr. or engine turned, H. C. thin model, gold filled, guaranteed 20 yrs. Waltham move.

Men's Watch Chains at 3.00 to 7.50
Single and double vest chains gold filled and warranted 20 yrs., elegant selection.

Brilliant Xmas Assortment of Rings for Man, Woman and Child

Ladies' Rings at 3.50
Solid gold, cluster setting, genuine turquoise centre surrounded with pearls.

Ladies' Rings at 6.50
Solid gold, cluster of three large rubies with four beautiful pearls.

Ladies' Rings at 13.50
Solid gold, set with three large beautiful Hungarian opals.

Men's Rings at 7.00
Solid gold, "Signet" style. Engraved free.

Ladies' Rings at 4.50
Solid gold, cluster setting of six emeralds and five pearls.

Ladies' Rings at 10.00
Solid gold, cluster of genuine turquoise surrounded by 12 pearls.

Men's Rings at 2.50
Guaranteed gold filled setting, choice of brilliants, rubies or emeralds.

Men's Rings at 9.00
Solid gold setting with large carbuncle ruby.

GENUINE DIAMONDS

Large assortment of genuine diamond rings, pins, lockets, etc., at pleasing prices.

Caesar Misch CASH OR CREDIT

OUR REPRESENTATIVE

Will call at your residence with a full line of jewelry upon request.

220 Central St. Lowell, Mass.

Men's Overcoats for Xmas

Styles which are favored by the conservative dresser. Overcoats made of Oxford mixtures, friezes, kerseys and cheviots, various lengths and belted back sort. A holiday stock which presents everything seasonable in overcoatings at special Xmas reductions.

Men's $15.00 Overcoats Reduced to..... 10.75
Men's $16.50 Overcoats Reduced to..... 12.75
Men's $20.00 Overcoats Reduced to..... 16.75
Men's $25.00 Overcoats Reduced to..... 18.75

Men's Suits for Xmas

Choice of smart effects in Scotch mixtures, tweeds, cheviots, thibets, etc. These suits are superior in every detail to the average ready to wear clothing. Prices

12.75 to 25.00

Boys' Clothes Are Best Bought Here

Special Xmas reductions—the savings will be more appreciated now, when money spending for Xmas is in order.

Shoes for Xmas

Shoes for dress, shoes for business and for all occasions; of correct, shapely styles of best leathers, carefully made by best makers.

For Men at	For Women at	For Children at
2.50-3.50	2.50-3.50	1.00-2.00

Xmas Umbrellas

A most suitable and practical suggestion. A superb stock for men and women at

1.00 to 5.00

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SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

BRYAN IN EUROPE.

The lion of Europe today is our much respected American citizen, William Jennings Bryan. After all the mud that has been thrown at Bryan he comes through triumphant, rising above the abuse of small men, and standing forth before the critical people of Europe as one of the foremost Americans of his time. Men may differ as to Bryan's theories of government, yet all are now ready to admit that he is one of the highest types of American citizenship. An honest, able and patriotic American, he loves his country and its people, and has frequently given proof of this by setting aside temptations that would elevate him above the possibility of want if he would but accept retainers from the enemies of the toiling masses. Bryan may never again be a candidate for the presidency; indeed we do not think it likely that he would be considered in a democratic convention today, but he is nevertheless one of the greatest democrats since Thomas Jefferson and one of the most pure minded men that ever walked the earth to preach the gospel of equality of men. Bryan has been hounded, prosecuted and vilified because of his devotion to the interests of the common people, but this he considers an honor for there once came out of Nazareth a poor carpenter who preached the doctrine of humanity, brotherly love and forgiveness yet the people of His time, hated, hounded Him and finally killed Him, but His efforts resulted in a complete revolution of the civilized world. Slander and persecution may affect the man who preaches the truth, but it cannot affect the force of the word spoken in the cause of truth and justice. If Bryan should pass away tomorrow, history would find a place for him in the category of our greatest Americans.

A CLOCK IN THE SQUARE.

The Sun would again respectfully call the attention of the officials of the Boston & Northern street railway to the desirability of an illuminated clock in the square, that every one might see the time while coming or going in any direction on the cars. There is a nice spot left for the much needed clock where the stone post was recently knocked down by a runaway horse. If Manager Sullivan should get his eye on that gap in the curbing we believe he would immediately order a four faced illuminated clock for the benefit of the people who furnish the patronage for the street railway. The insignificant apology for a clock which is now hidden under an awning and which cannot be seen unless one puts his face against the window of the drug store, is useless. The old clock over the former waiting room was quite a convenience, but the present one may as well be sent to some rummage sale, where it will doubtless fall into the hands of some one who can make use of it. The public has no use for it whatever. Now, Mr. Sullivan, like a real good kind hearted public spirited man, won't you give us a clock with four beautiful illumined faces that will be a convenience to the public and at the same time stand as a monument to your kindly consideration for the public convenience.

NEW CHARTER NEEDED

After all the charter tinkering we have had, Lowell never needed a new charter more than it does today. With all respect to our esteemed friends of the board of trade who ran a shop for the manufacture and repair of charters at one time, we have no further use for the present charter puzzle which was the product of their genius. The wonder is that we have been able to get along at all with our present bungling charter. Under its provisions the mayor has practically no power except the power of veto, and even this is not always effective. They tell us that we cannot get good men to run for the office of mayor of Lowell. It may be that our absurd charter is responsible for this timidity among capable and reputable men who would not dare to risk their reputation for executive ability in a position where they could not enforce their orders or carry out their ideas for the benefit of the city. We have always believed that the mayor should have complete control of every department in the city government. People may cry out against this as giving one man too much power, but the only way to conduct a successful business is to put the power in the hands of one man and hold him responsible for results. How long could the agent of one of our big manufacturing concerns satisfy the stockholders if he could not put his ideas into practical operation? No man of any capacity can go into city hall as mayor and bring about the reforms the people want under the present charter. He can recommend this and that, but the heads of departments can laugh at him and find protection under this abominable charter. He can advise the city council to do thus and so, but they are at liberty to do as they please. If he had the power to remove a superintendent of streets and put another man in his place without the interference of the city council, the superintendent would obey the mayor without hesitation. So with the heads of every other department. If the mayor had the power of removal and appointment he could order certain improvements or certain economies, and his orders would be obeyed.

Our charter was much nearer perfection at the time Mayor Courtney made his appointments which were afterwards overturned by the state legislature in a great hurry. We think the men who were responsible for the overturning have since seen the folly of their way and would be glad to have even the old charter in force. But while we are about it let us have a charter that is better than either. Let a committee of competent citizens get together and draw up a charter that will be of some service to the city, and give some power to the executive officer whom we elect to manage our affairs but to whom we give no power whatsoever. As we said before, we believe the mayor should have the appointing and removing power in every department. We believe in abolishing the water board. We believe in abolishing the department of supplies as there would be no need of it if the mayor had complete control over the different departments. We believe in giving even wider scope to the operations of the park commission which has done so well since its formation. We think the pauper department would be better managed if the board of overseers of the poor were wiped out and succeeded by a board subject to the mayor. We see no reason why the board of police could not be dispensed with under a proper charter or at least be formed of men who hold their positions at the pleasure of the mayor and who could be removed without question when he sees fit to remove them. True, this is practically one man power, but all the great achievements in this world were made not by committees, but by the force, the power and ability of the one right man in the right place. With a charter formed on these lines we have no doubt that men of capacity would be induced to offer themselves as candidates for the position of mayor, men who could administer with ability and who could reduce our tax rate systematically and continuously until it reached a reasonable figure. We believe such a man would be entitled to a salary commensurate with his ability, and if we ever get a charter of this sort and give it a fair trial we feel certain that our charter tinkering and experimenting will be at an end and [illegible] in every direction and new enterprises will be at- [illegible] without fear of contradiction from any [illegible] streets, roads, bridges [illegible]

SEEN AND HEARD

The church choirs are rehearsing their Christmas music.

Ward nine is the banner ward for women voters.

Santa Claus is the most popular individual just now.

Severely cold weather means work for the fire department as a rule.

Boston voted for wet goods, but she refused to Swallow the republican mayoralty candidate.

A quietus from politics is a relief. The Thanksgiving season is now properly in order.

Medford has abolished its common council, which is an easy remedy for a heap of municipal ills.

Boston will have a big horse show in April, a fact pleasing to Lowell horse lovers.

Unlike other cities, Lowell is pretty free from crime at this time, especially the offences of larceny and assault.

Chelsea has gone for license again, and yet some people still persist in saying "as dead as Chelsea."

Massachusetts has done with political contests for another year, and people generally are glad.

To those who expected an "open town" after election day the notice of the police board comes as a shock. The liquor sellers must "be good"—that is, as good as heretofore, which is not saying much.

A new steamer for the Fall River line, now being built, is to be called the Providence. All the line's steamers begin with P—the Priscilla, Puritan, Plymouth and Pilgrim.

The Faulkner shanty on Belvidere heights has been improved by the addition of steps leading to the piazza and springs on the back door. It is still unoccupied.

A fine fellow has passed away in the death of John H. Comber, the Lowell cricketer, who died in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Comber was a very pleasant, companionable man and a great lover of outdoor sports.

Politics do not "cut ice" in the Middlesex Bar association, with Samuel K. Hamilton (democrat) president, and George F. Richardson (republican), vice-president.

The hurdy-gurdy man is grinding out his tunes, despite the winter weather. His favorite airs are "Marguerite" and "The Good Old Summer Time," which are hardly in keeping with the weather.

The recount demonstrated that ward eight has "the goods." The election hustlers up there know how to get out the votes, and their work is a revelation to the hustlers in other wards.

Attorney Gun's explanations of his public remarks on the mill tax cases are nearly as long-drawn out and insistent as the cases themselves.

A candidate for the school board in Boston (defeated of course) favored free clothing for the needy children and free lunches for all school attendants.

The incoming legislature has lost its first member by death in the person of William B. Phinney of Lynn, who expired suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Phinney was in the legislature this year, and was quite well known by the Lowell members.

Carroll D. Wright, the U. S. commissioner of labor, predicts that the wage systems will pass away, and profit sharing and co-operative systems will take its place. If this change should ever come about "the ghost" may still be able to walk, and pay days would come about with old-time regularity. But wouldn't it seem odd not to be a "hired man," nor a wage earner?

Carrie Nation has gone on the stage—another awful result of the rum demon. She appears as the heroine in a revised, up-to-date "Ten Nights in a Barroom," in which she sallies forth in quest of a wayward boy, whom she finally finds in death, and over his prostrate body she makes a speech, winding up with smashing the saloon and its fixin's with her little hatchet.

The other day when Santa Claus paraded the streets in a carriage, led by a brass band, a bare-foot little girl, about 6 years old, accompanied by a younger brother, followed the procession from Fayette street into Centralville and return, a distance of several miles. The eyes of the two children were on Santa the whole time, whom they, no doubt, regarded as a great and good man. Let us hope that Santa will remember these two little tots, so full of innocence and simplicity, and make their Christmas holidays happy.

The Hebrews in Lowell, like their brethren all over the world, are celebrating the feast of "Chanukah" this week. This feast, which commemorates the restoration of Jerusalem, and is known as the feast of lights, was ushered in last Sunday evening and will be celebrated until Saturday evening, December 19. In the Hebrew homes a candle is lit—the first night and the following seven days additional candles are lit until the entire eight are burned on the last night of the feast. The exercises are of a religious character, but games and social functions are also indulged in, especially by the younger people.

Here is something from the Manchester Mirror that will please the boys on the "Flats" where Dan Lynch hails from:

As The Onlooker was walking towards the station on his way to the West Side this morning he met the Old Man of Merrimack Common.

"Good morning," said The Onlooker.

"Good morning," replied the Old Man of Merrimack Common.

"Did you go to the basket ball game Monday night?" asked The Onlooker.

The Old Man smiled one of those seraphic smiles that are regularly seen upon his countenance before replying:

"Yo-es," and then he stopped abruptly. "Oh yes, I went to the basket ball game and if I did not have a good time I do not want a cent.

"One of those men in the Manchester uniform took his opponent and shook him as if he were a rat. I tell you if I had that done to me when I was about twenty-five years younger there would have been trouble.

"At last one of the men after a great deal of jumping around, dropped the ball into the basket that was dangling from the other end of the cage. The young man beside me almost went into hysterics and the way he shrieked and yelled was appalling for its strength and ferocity. If he had been in a circus the keepers would have come around and shipped him with a horsewhip or an elephant prod. But as it was Mechanics hall, in dear old Manchester, nothing was done to him and he was allowed to simmer.

"But I must say that of all the innocent men in the world that Lynch on the Manchester team is the best. Once he took the fall man he was playing against and banged him against the bars of the cage, and I thought that the police would have entered the cage and carried the fall man off on a stretcher. Oh, no, nothing like that. Lynch was as cool and innocent as a little lamb. And Doyle, the fall man did not seem to notice the banging very much.

"I have read about the terrible dangers of the middle ages, how perilous it was for a man to go out in the lines when the custom was to fight tourneys in the lists. But none of those tourneys could be much worse than our basket ball and foot ball. They may have hit harder but they also wore more armor for protection. Now the gladiator wears nothing but a light running suit when he enters the lists of the basket ball. The results are not much different, I do not believe."

"But how did you like the game?" asked The Onlooker.

"Oh, so, so. I guess I'll take in another one before the season is done. If I could see that Lynch play every night as he did Monday I'd go every night."

Standard Dictionary, full leather, $9.00. Lawler's.

DON'T GET MAD

IF PEOPLE AT POST OFFICE SHUT YOU OFF.

If you call up the post office by telephone to ask if there is any mail for you or to make any other similar inquiry, and an answer is denied you, do not get angry and vow vengeance on Postmaster Thompson. He can't help it. If he refuses to tell you what you want to know, or if any of his subordinates does, he will be merely carrying out the the orders of the department officials at Washington.

Of course any inquiry as to postal business not of a personal nature will be cheerfully answered at the post office. The orders at the department forbidding the giving out of telephone information refers only to questions as to the receipt or delivery of mail addressed to particular persons.

A recent communication from the first assistant post-master general at Washington received by Postmaster Thompson in common with all the other postmasters in the country a copy of which has been posted in the post office workroom, reads as follows:

"The attention of the department has been called to the common practice that prevails in post offices where telephones are installed, of answering inquiries made by strangers or by persons whose voices are not recognized by the postmaster or clerk who answers the telephone, concerning mail matter in the office. Under section 549, P. L. and R., postmasters and all others in the postal service are prohibited from furnishing any information concerning mail matter received or delivered except to the person to whom it is addressed or their authorized agents. The attention of all postmasters and postal employes is called to this matter, and strict compliance with the regulation is enjoined.

(Signed) R. J. WYNNE,
First Asst. Postmaster-General.

Under this order the postmaster and all employes of the local post office will be obliged to refuse to give such information over the telephone wire to any persons whose voices are not known, or, otherwise, except to known persons or to their duly authorized representatives.

Choice gift books. Lawler's.

Read the Oriental Bazaar's ad.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE CASTO.

The Casto theatre will prove far too small to accommodate the crowd tomorrow, for Saturday is the day that the school children of the city have selected as their time to attend the cosy Shattuck street theatre. This week they will witness the best show of the season. Jane Courthope and Charles Forrester in the comedy "A Fisherman's Luck," head the program and the act is exceedingly funny. The Avon Comedy Four will be great favorites with the children as their school room scene will be a big hit. Greene and Werner in "Babes in the Jungle," is another act that will win the plaudits, for it is very novel and the quick change of the artists from street clothes to Zulu costumes is astonishing. Green trading stamps are given free with every orchestra ticket. Reserved seats can be obtained by calling telephone 816-3.

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The massive Colonial and Mission designs and the more dainty French styles, in mahogany, oak and maple woods. Desk chairs to match. About the cost, we are showing a neat oak desk at ***$4.50*** and different designs in better qualities, ***$9.00, $10.00, $11.00, $12.00*** to ***$20.00.***

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WE'VE a word to say about our overcoats for $10—in every way the most worthy coats that we know of for the price—cut of the regulation length, made from strictly all wool fabrics, oxford and black, kerseys and friezes; nicely lined, capitally tailored, cut with the new narrow lapels; broad shouldered and stylish—they're as fashionable as they are good—more real merit for $10 than we believe has ever been put into an overcoat for this price.

Boys' Reefers $1.25

but these are all small sizes the remainder of a lot that sold for $1.75.

Boys' Belt Back Overcoats $2.00

We begin today on our second hundred of these smart little coats to fit boys 4 years to 9. Neat dark smooth meltons, made up double breasted with velvet collars — they're the best $2.00 value we ever offered.

Boys' Norfolk Suits $2.50

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Boys' Fleeced Underwear 19c

Just when the boy needs it, we offer this lot of heavy brown mixed fleeced Shirts and Drawers at almost half price—all sizes, 24 to 34. The same number you'll find sold elsewhere for 35c.

Best Quality Mohair Tams 37½c

There are but 180 in the lot, a few styles that the manufacturer discontinued. Identically the same quality sold everywhere for 75c and $1.00. These for 37½c

Sweaters for Men and Boys.

A great stock of thoroughly good sweaters — Hand Knit Shaker for $5.00, Intercollegiate for $1.50; heavy wool and worsted in navy, oxford and white. Boys' worsted sweaters for $1.50 and $1.00, with a small lot to close, for 37½c.

Young Men's Overcoats $6.00

Every coat strictly all-wool, of fine faced black and oxford Friezes, cut extra long, broad shouldered and full of style. Three lots, on some of which sizes were missing, all sizes to fit boys 10 to 18 years—sold for $10—put together all now for $6.

House Coats

Cut and made by men tailors so that they fit; and we think a good deal of commonsense has been observed in the selection of fabrics. The house coats here are garments made to be worn—none is so gaudy that a man would balk at putting it on. Medium and dark cashmere, velour, and plain cloth coats, quietly lined or made from cloths in a neat variety of combinations of outside and inside colors,

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Some exceedingly pretty neckwear, made especially for boys, from pretty Scotch plaid silks and fine satins, of correct proportions, in little four-in-hand scarfs, 25c

Windsor scarfs for younger boys, and bright colored little bows.

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Each pair neatly boxed—pretty patterns and nicely made, nickel trimmings—sensible for the holidays—only 25c pair

WATER FAMINE

St. Albans Supply All But Gone

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 18—The city is threatened with a water famine. The two reservoirs from which the city is supplied and which are in turn fed from Fairfax pond, are steadily failing and one of them is nearly dry. The authorities have taken prompt precautionary measures to husband the little water that remains, but in spite of this the situation grows daily more serious. The city water has been shut off, and is turned on during one hour of the day only, between 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Pails, pans, bathtubs and various other receptacles are then filled with a supply that must last 24 hours. To make matters worse the water is so full of sediment that it is hardly fit for drinking purposes. It is possible that the meagre supply now furnished will be still further curtailed.

The Central Vermont railway has pressed into service all the engines that it can spare to draw water trains from Sheldon Junction and Swanton to its yards here. With this assistance they are not able to keep their machine shops in operation more than half of the time.

The St. Albans gas company has established a bucket brigade and is taking water from Stevens brook. A furniture manufacturing company, which operates one of the city's chief industries, has been obliged to shut down. The company is sinking a well and hopes to be able to resume operations soon.

Two steam laundries have scarcely enough power to move their machinery. The quality of the water is such as to make the proper cleaning of laundry impossible.

Trains entering the city are not allowed to take water here.

The great menace to the city, which is already suffering from the fact that many people have been thrown out of work, is from fire. The pressure is so low that a fire of any proportions could not be checked.

WILLIAMS, THE GREAT ANIMAL TRAINER, CURED BY TO-NI-TA

Mr. Williams, Manager of the Hagenbeck Animal Show, Who is Under a Constant Nervous Strain, Says Dr. Lorentz's TO-NI-TA Cured Him of Nervous Dyspepsia and Saved Him From Complete Collapse.

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MR. C. L. WILLIAMS,

Dear Doctor:—

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Being under a constant nervous strain and keyed to the highest pitch, I did not realize I was on the verge of a general collapse until one day I fainted from exhaustion. I had constant headache, followed by nervous dyspepsia. The doctor said my heart was affected and prescribed TO-NI-TA as a nerve and body builder. I began taking a teaspoonful every three hours and after taking three bottles am completely cured. Never again will I be without TO-NI-TA, as it has certainly done wonders for me, for which I am grateful beyond words.

C. L. WILLIAMS,
Manager Carl Hagenbeck Animal Show.
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 20, 1903.

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OPEN EVENINGS.

SHOT HIS CHIEF

Police Officer Then Tried to Commit Suicide

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 18—Shot by a patrolman, Chief of Police William F. Dinneen lies seriously wounded at the North Adams hospital. Gardner Northrup, the policeman who did the shooting, attempted to end his own life by cutting his throat, but failed.

The shooting was the result of Northrup's anger at being forbidden to go on duty while intoxicated. It occurred a few minutes after 8 o'clock, just after the regular night force, with which Northrup should have gone, had left the police station. Northrup had come in some minutes before and had been told by Capt. Jones that he could not go out in the condition he was in.

After the force had left, Northrup went to the chief and asked him if the captain's order stood. Chief Dineen replied that it did and that Northrup could not go on duty in that condition.

Walking back from the chief's office to the patrolmen's room, Northrup secured a revolver and going up to the chief, began to fire. They were alone on the second floor at the time.

Patrolmen Whipple, Rosaco and P. Walsh were in the main office on the first floor when the shots rang out and dashed up stairs.

STRUGGLE WITH CRAZED MAN.

Whipple, on reaching the head of the stairs, saw Dinneen and Northrup rushing toward him, the chief already wounded and crouching.

Vaulting over the chief's body, Whipple rushed at Northrup, regardless of the latter's fire, which sent one bullet whizzing by him, and pounced on the man. Each weighs more than 200 pounds and the force of the collision almost sent the

CHIEF OF POLICE WM. F. DINNEEN.

two through a window at the end of the corridor, the sash being broken out. Falling back, they landed on a couch.

Here Northrup tried to turn the revolver on himself and fired, the bullet just grazing his body near the heart. He then attempted to turn the weapon on Whipple, who wrenched it from his hand.

Whipple then forced Northrup through a doorway into the patrolmen's room and held him till Northrup said, "I'll go with you wherever you want." Whipple led him to a cell, passing the prostrate form of the chief, and locked him up. The other officers seeing that Northrup had been quieted, turned their attention to the chief.

WOUNDED CHIEF'S STATEMENT.

Chief Dinneen, although wounded and bleeding, was able to stand and with assistance walked down stairs to the main office, and Dr. Stafford, mayor of the city, was hurriedly summoned. While there, Chief Dinneen related the main features of the crime, saying that he guessed he was done for and that he wanted the real facts known beyond doubt.

Dr. Stafford had the ambulance called, and after doing what he could to stop the flow of blood had the chief taken to the hospital.

It was found that the chief had received four wounds apparently made by three shots. A bullet had pierced his left hand, one had pierced his coat and overcoat, one had scratched the left side of the abdomen, and another, apparently the one that hit the hand, had entered the face, knocking out two teeth, and lodged in the neck.

It was at first thought that the wound in the abdomen was most serious, but as it proved the one in the jaw was the only one that caused worry. The bullet in the neck was not removed last evening.

By 9 o'clock it was seen that the chief had a good chance for recovery, which had been doubted up to that time. His ante-mortem statement was taken at the police station by city solicitor Niles.

NORTHRUP ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Northrup was seen in his cell a short time after the shooting. He was talking in a dazed fashion, some of his statements being incoherent. He admitted the shooting, and said he was frenzied when he did it. He expressed sorrow that it was the chief whom he shot, but said he had nothing to say in defence of himself.

Northrup's attempt at suicide in his cell was evidently committed a very few minutes after he was left there, and in the belief that he had killed the chief. In the first excitement he had been shoved into the cell and the door locked without stopping to search him, in the haste of the officers to get to the chief.

About half an hour later officers went to the cell to see Northup's condition. They found him bleeding at the throat and a knife was taken from him. A physician was summoned and found that the wound was not deep, and there is little danger of his dying.

Chief of Police Dinneen is 44 years old, and is in point of service one of the oldest men on the force. He was born in Stamford, Vt. Coming to this city as a boy he worked some years in the Arnold print works, and was appointed a patrolman in 1887. Dinneen showed himself to be possessed of unusual bravery and ability, and this is not the first adventure in which his life has been saved by a narrow margin. He was made captain when the town became a city, eight years ago, and five years ago was made chief. He is married and has three children.

Northrup came to this city some years ago from Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and has been on the force for three years. Of late he had been warned several times for drinking, but this was his first suspension.

FAIR OPENED

IN AID OF FAITH HOME FOR CHILDREN.

The fair in aid of the Faith Home for Children under the auspices of the Educational club was opened yesterday at 228 Worthen street and was largely attended and liberally patronized. The many tables were tastefully decorated and laden with a tempting array of useful, ornamental and delectable articles.

The fancy goods table was decorated in green crepe paper ornamented and was well supplied with fancy and useful articles.

The nut table, in white decorations, had raw and salted peanuts, salted almonds, and pears. The cake table was also decorated in white, set off by many loaves of fancy frosted cake. A charming landscape done by Mrs. George H. Taylor of Nichols street, adorns the hall at the cake table having been given to the home.

The candy table is in position under an arbor of evergreen and presents a most pleasing aspect.

The pound table had 16-ounce parcels of various pastry supplies, also canned fruit.

In the dining room sandwiches, rolls, cake, ice cream and college fees, tea and coffee were served.

A fine musical program prepared by Mrs. Willis E. Morse was given last evening. It consisted of a piano solo, Nocturn F, Chopin, by Miss Dube, a pupil of Carl Baerman; vocal solo, Sidney Barton; violin solo, Fantasie Faust, Gounod, Mr. Arthur Booth; vocal solo, "The Four Leaf Clover," Brownell, Mrs. Josie Powers McDonald; whistling solo with auto-harp accompaniment, "Sly Musette," from "The Mocking Bird," and "Lead, Kindly Light," Dyker, Mr. Booth; vocal solo, Sidney Barton; piano solo, Titania, Wely, Miss Mabelle Harvey; vocal solo, "The Flight of Ages," Bevan, Mrs. McDonald. Miss Ida I. Wilson and Miss Dube were the accompanists.

The fair will be continued this afternoon and evening.

MAYOR IS BEATEN

Lawrence Commissioners Won Out

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The license commissioners of Lawrence win out in their controversy with Mayor Grant. The order of the mayor, removing them from office, was revoked yesterday by Judge Fessenden of the superior court.

The commissioners, Frederick Patch, William J. Bradley and James A. Coughlin, were given a hearing by the mayor last spring on charges respecting the non-enforcement of the law. On the evidence submitted the mayor removed the commissioners, and they brought a bill in equity seeking to have the court review his finding.

The evidence was presented to Judge Fessenden at the hearing and he reserved his decision. His honor sent down his decision yesterday afternoon revoking the order of Mayor Grant.

It was alleged that the commissioners were incompetent and inefficient and the mayor so found. He found also that they had not enforced the law relating to screens, etc., in barrooms; that they had issued licenses to improper persons and for improper places; that they granted a license to Owen E. Mahan, who had been convicted of violating the liquor law, and the mayor deemed him an unsuitable person to hold a license. He further found that Coughlin was manager and a stockholder of the Lawrence equitable co-operative society, and that Patch was a stockholder and that the society sold cigars and other supplies to liquor dealers.

Double Trading Stamps today at Lawler's.

MILES' DAUGHTER

TRYING TO GET PARDON FOR HIM.

HUDSON, Dec. 18—Miss Lottie Miles, daughter of Edward P. Miles, formerly tax collector, but now serving a five years' sentence in state prison for embezzling $10,000, has in a limited circle the past two days circulated a petition for the pardon of her father, whose term of sentence has not yet half expired.

Miss Miles saw her father the latter part of last week and brought back the report that he said he was in greatly impaired health and could not live but a very short time. Such a report was soon in circulation here, and it was followed by the publication of an item in a Boston paper to the effect that Hudson's former tax collector was near death's door and there was somewhat of a sensation created.

Persons interested have been in communication with the prison officials and by them have been told that the stories told concerning Miles' state of health are greatly exaggerated. Monday last it was current that the former official could not live but a short time, and yet he was not visited by the prison physician until the following Wednesday, which tells the story that there was no just foundation for the rumor circulated.

It is said the efforts to secure signers to the application for a pardon are not meeting with much success.

Have a look at the Oriental Bazaar.

IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY PARTY.

The second of a series of parties under the auspices of the Improvement society of St. John's church was held last night at the new American Mechanics hall in Middle street. Music for dancing was furnished by Pease & Griffith's orchestra and the following were in charge of the affair: General manager, Frederick Clements; assistant manager, Isaac B. Romain; floor manager, Chas. A. Howarth; aids, William Wilson, George McElroy, Gordon Foster, Marion Spencer, Annie Welch.

Elegant writing sets. Lawler's.

Munyon's Paw-Paw

Col. Swaim of the Government Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C., Cured by Paw-Paw.

Paw-Paw has cured me, absolutely, of nervousness and general indisposition arising from rheumatism, long continued, and seems to have also cured the rheumatism.

I was a great sufferer before I began to use Paw-Paw. One bottle has effected all this and I now feel as well as I ever felt in my life.

(Signed) W. T. SWAIM.

Don't let the skeptical slop you from making a trial of Paw-Paw today. You're the one that is most interested.

If you have Catarrh, try it.
If you have Dyspepsia, try it.
If you are nervous, try it.
If you are despondent, try it.
If you are weak and run down, try it.

Cast away all tonics, all medicines and all stimulants and let Munyon's Paw-Paw make you well. It will lift you into the high altitudes of hope and hold you there. It will give exhilaration without intoxication.

Sold by all druggists. Large bottle $1. Paw-Paw Laxative Pills 25c a bottle.

Sensible Christmas Gifts

Come and Examine Our Line of Useful and Inexpensive Presents

Fine Silver Plated Sets, Comb, Brush and Mirror, $1.49 to $5.98
Hand Painted Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets, $5.98 down to $2.49
Fine Gold Plated Sets, Comb, Brush and Mirror, $2.49
Hand Mirrors, all prices down to . . . 25c
Triplicate Mirrors, large size . . . $1.49
Solid Silver Hair Brush . . . $1.98
Hair Brushes, all kinds $2.50 down to 25c

HAND BAGS

SPECIAL—A nice Wrist Bag, in red, brown, gray or black, for 19c if you bring in this advt.

Automobile Bag (the swell hand bag) $2.49 down to 29c
Leather Case, gent's fitted, $5 down to $1.25
Cigar Cases and Solid Silver Match Boxes from 98c
Tobacco Box, Indian Head 48c

GENT'S MILITARY BRUSHES

Silver, Ebony, Burnt Wood, as low as (pair) 98c
Shaving Sets, Smoking Sets, etc.

JAPANESE CHINA

Hand Painted Hair Receivers . 98c to 33c
Beautiful Pin and Bon Bon Trays . . 59c
Manicure Trays with Solid Silver Fittings only $1.26
Cracker Jars $1.29. Chocolate Pots $1.98
Manicure Sets, Solid Silver . . . $2.49

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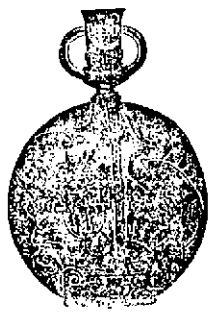
HEADQUARTERS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Great Bargains for Holidays!



We are ready with an immense assortment of Xmas Gifts. The Presents You Want at Prices You Like are all included in our splendid line of

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We offer a greater variety of appropriate presents for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children. We supply a suitable gift for old or young at any price you desire to expend.

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We are glad to welcome visitors, pleased to show goods, and ready to make close prices to all.

We give all kinds of Trading Stamps.

For the Convenience of the Public We Will Have Our Store Open Every Evening Until After the Holidays

—REMEMBER THE PLACE—

J. A. FILION, The Leading Jeweler

92 CENTRAL STREET, COR. PRESCOTT

BOTH SHOT DEAD

Father and Son Killed by Detectives

THREE OFFICERS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY

Men Were Wanted by the Police

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—Trailed to their lodging place and brought to bay within the walls of a small room, Joseph Choisser, aged 50, and Louis Choisser, aged 25, father and son, have been shot and killed in a battle with Detectives Hawley, Murphy and Cowan. The three officers escaped without injury. Both of the Choissers were killed instantly.

Two telegrams were received by Chief of Police Elliott from Equality, Ills., requesting the arrest of Joseph Choisser on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. There was no charge against the son, so far as known. They were located at a lodging house. The detectives entered without knocking. The elder Choisser was lying on the bed and as the officers entered he reached for his pistol. Before he could get it, Detective Hawley seized it. At the same moment Louis opened fire upon the officers. They returned the shoots, killing Joseph instantly. The fire from Louis' revolver became so hot that the officers retreated into the hall. The young man followed but before he could take aim for a second shot Murphy and Cowan fired, killing him instantly. In the pockets of Louis $1800 was found. The officers declare that they were forced to shoot in self-defense.

Christmas stationery, choicest and greatest variety in Lowell, elegantly boxed, all prices. Lawler's.

CONANT NAMED

FOR TREASURER OF THE GOLF ASSOCIATION.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The annual meeting of the Massachusetts golf association for the election of officers and for such other business as may legally come before the meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Exchange club in this city. The clubs of the association may be represented at any of its meetings by two delegates who are duly authorized and whose appointments are certified by their club secretary. Each of these delegates shall be entitled to one vote.

The nominating committee, which was composed of G. A. Shaw, Jr., of Myopia, Edmund C. Tarbell of Wollaston and A. J. Wellington of Newton, presents the following names:

G. Herbert Windeler, the Country club, president; Herbert C. Leeds, Myopia, vice president; Edmund R. Conant, Vesper C. C., treasurer; R. R. Freeman, Wollaston, secretary; Alfred I. Bixby, Oakley; C. A. Bowles, Country club of Springfield; John I. Taylor, Tedesco; N. R. Borden, Fall River; E. A. Wilkie, Newton, and the officers ex-officio, executive committee.

The list is a renomination of the present officers. The association has had a most successful year.

Crepe paper for Christmas. Lawler's.

MATINEE CLUB

ENTERTAINED BY MRS. TURCOTTE YESTERDAY.

Mrs. L. P. Turcotte entertained the Club La Matinee at whist yesterday afternoon. The first prize, a comb tray, was won by Mrs. J. W. Paradis, while the second, a vase, went to Mrs. W. A. Parthenais.

Buy your Xmas gifts at the Merrimack. We'll put money in your pocket and value—special value—in your possession—but no stamps. Is any leading merchant of New York or Boston resorting to stamps for business?

REFUSED TO PAY

LAWYERS' BILL TURNED DOWN BY HAVERHILL COUNCIL.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 18.—Both branches of the city council last evening refused to act upon the bills presented by Lawyers Boyd B. Jones and George Fred Williams of Boston for $944 for services in the contested mayoralty election case before the supreme court last year.

The committee on accounts of the city council referred the bills for approval to the city government, and with the refusal of the latter to act a suit is probable to recover the amount asked by the two lawyers.

The report of the committee on accounts was accepted by both branches, and in the lower branch Councilman Frame created a lively discussion by objecting to their approval, and charging the republicans and socialists with being grafters.

Engraved visiting cards at Lawler's.

OFFICERS ELECTED

L'UNION ST. JOSEPH HELD WELL ATTENDED MEETING.

The election of officers of L'Union St. Joseph was held last night at the regular meeting of the society held in St. Joseph's hall. The installation of officers will take place on Jan. 7th, and H. L. Lompret will act as master of ceremonies. One application for membership was received and one new member was admitted.

The election resulted as follows:

President, J. S. Laplerre; vice president, Onesime Gervais; recording secretary, J. A. Plante, re-elected; assistant recording secretary, Arthur Plante, re-elected; treasurer, Isidore Turcotte, re-elected; assistant treasurer, D. B. Leboeuf, re-elected; directors, Theodule Lemire, Alexis Dozios, Alexandre Lagesse, re-elected; Albe Lemire and Hilaire Dozois; visitors, Albert Lebleau, re-elected; James St. Hilaire.

Round books for boys and girls, 25 cents. Lawler's.

HAVERHILL POLICE

ARE ANXIOUS TO FIND MISS SAWYER.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 18.—The local police and four retail business firms are searching for Miss C. J. Sawyer, who came to this city Wednesday morning, shopping a few hours and got away with $125 worth of goods. She claimed to belong in Lawrence and also in Newburyport.

The firms victimized by her were Mitchell & Co., W. P. Thayer, the Leslie dry goods company and A. C. Barrows.

Wednesday morning she engaged a room with Mrs. George W. Rowe, a dressmaker on Main street, saying that she was to teach in a kindergarten school.

She called upon the four firms during the afternoon, securing a silk waist, two fur muffs, a black silk skirt, a black skirt, a tailor made suit and a quantity of toilet articles. She had all the goods sent to Mrs. Rowe's house and no questions were raised.

The woman had tea with Mrs. Rowe and her family and early last evening left the house, saying she was going to make a call. She failed to return and an investigation showed that she had worn the garments she had secured, leaving the empty boxes in her room.

Miss Sawyer is about 25 years old, prepossessing and modestly but neatly dressed in a ready-made brown oxford suit. She is short and slight in build and her appearance is such as not to excite suspicion.

Crepe and tissue paper. Lawler's.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BY THE CLUB SOCIAL DE PAWTUCKETVILLE.

Officers were elected last evening by the Club Social de Pawtucketville as follows:

President, Emile Gelinas, re-elected; vice-president, Joseph Daviau; secretary, L. C. Gelinas, re-elected; assistant secretary, Rosaire Tourangeau; treasurer, Frederic Theriault, re-elected; assistant treasurer, Euclide Cinqmars, re-elected; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Boivin.

Five applications were received. Michael Ladeur and Oliva Brunelle were appointed to audit the books. The new officers will be installed on the first Thursday in January.

Ping Pong for 75 cents. Lawler's.

VERY FAST GAME

Lowell Scored Victory Over Haverhill

ALLARD SCORED FOUR GOALS FROM FIELD

Concord and Manchester Teams Clashed

About 600 persons saw the game of basket ball in Huntington hall last night, while so far as real playing is concerned the contest should have drawn a crowd that would pack the hall.

Haverhill and Lowell were the opposing teams and the game was one of the best played and closest ever seen in this city.

The Haverhill aggregation, composed of men released by Manager Gray, kept the locals on the hustle all the time and not until near the close of the third period was victory certain for the home team. With a larger attendance there would have been lively times and as it was the 600 present made enough noise as 1000 rooters. Bucky Lew got the lion's share of the applause and his work was certainly deserving of the recognition it received. Time and again Bucky ran around the floor holding off his men and giving them no chance to interfere with his fine work.

Allard was back in the game after a rest of one night and though he did not begin to do things until the third period, nevertheless once he started there was no stopping him. He threw four baskets in succession and had Jimmy Harrington in a quandary all the time.

Abbott, the captain of the team, who by the way, uses the best headwork of any man on the local team, played his usual steady game and was always on the alert for an opening.

Cairns and Doyle were the great center of attraction for the play of these men is always a treat. "Smiling Pat" is one of the best natured fellows in the game and even when he crashed into the fence and received a cut on the forehead he came up smiling and ready to continue the battle. Once Doyle and Cairns both plunged over the fence and fell to the floor outside the playing space. Other players rushed to their assistance and helped them back.

In the third period Henry Tighe retired in favor of McFarland and the crowd joked for some fast work by Haverhill inasmuch as they had a fresh man, but try as they would they could not land a basket and the game closed with the score 19 to 8 in favor of Lowell. The referee announced that tomorrow night Concord, the team that is making a fight for first place with Lowell, will play in this city. There will be an amateur game prior to the big contest.

In the amateur game last night the Brookside defeated the Crimsons by a score of 15 to 3.

LOWELL.	HAVERHILL.
Allard rf	rb Harrington
Abbott lf	lb Lynch
Cairns c	c Doyle
Field rb	rf Tighe (McFarland)
Halleron lb	lf Lew

Won by	Scored by	Score.
Lowell, third foul		1—0
Haverhill, third foul		1—1
Lowell, third foul		2—1
Haverhill, third foul		2—2
Lowell, third foul		3—2
LIMIT.		
Haverhill, Lew		3—4
Lowell, third foul		4—4
Haverhill, third foul		4—5
Lowell, third foul		5—5
Lowell, Cairns		7—5
Lowell, third foul		8—5
Haverhill, third foul		8—6
LIMIT.		
Lowell, Allard		10—6
Haverhill, third foul		10—7
Lowell, third foul		11—7
Lowell, Allard		13—7
Lowell, Allard		15—7
Lowell, Abbott		17—7
Lowell, Allard		19—7
Haverhill, third foul		19—8

Score—Lowell 19, Haverhill 8. Goals by Allard 4, Cairns 1, Abbott 1, Lew 1. Fouls by Halleron 6, Cairns 4, Field 2, Abbott 3, Allard 3, Lynch 5, Harrington 7, Doyle 5, Tighe 3, Lew 2. Referee, Charles Conners. Timers, Bucky Halleron, Connie Driscoll. Attendance, 600.

CONCORD 37, MANCHESTER 16.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 18.—The Concord basketball team defeated Manchester last evening by a score of 37 to 16. It was the cleanest game between these two teams seen here this season. The home team had good luck in the making of her shots for the baskets while Manchester was particularly unfortunate, the ball falling to the floor from the rim of the basket. Tighe was the star player of the evening, and Herron started fast but was later handicapped by a bad knee. For Manchester while the whole team did good work Devlin and Qualey were the chief performers. The lineup:

CONCORD	MANCHESTER
Sykes lf	rb Donnelly
Stewart rf	lb Qualey
Kane c	c Lynch
Tighe lb	rf Devlin
Herron rb	lf Healy

Summary: Score—Concord 37, Manchester 16; goals from floor, Tighe 5, Kane 4, Sykes 4, Herron 3, Stewart 2, Lynch 2, Devlin 2, Qualey 2, Donnelly. Goals on fouls, Concord 1, Manchester 2. Referee, Hill. Scorer, Leighton. Timers, Smith and Becket. Attendance, 400.

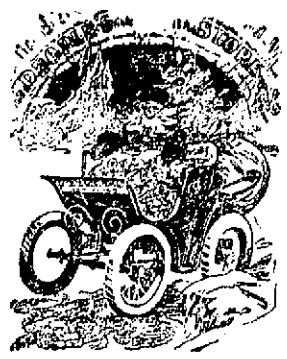
Concord with Kane, the champion basket thrower will play in Huntington hall tomorrow night. Lowell will have to play every minute of the game to down this swift Concord bunch with whom our boys are tied for first place.

Up to the third period Haverhill gave Lowell a great scare and many of the local rooters thought the Shoe City boys would steal away a victory. That Haverhill bunch certainly can play the game.

AT M. T. I.

MUSICAL CLUB HOLDS REHEARSAL.

The musical club of the Mathews held its regular weekly meeting and rehearsal last evening with a very large attendance. Director James A. Murphy was present and directed the singing. Mr. Murphy is much impressed with the work of the club as far as it has progressed and predicts a rosy future for it. The membership of the club is now about seventy-five.



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For a Christmas Present

That will give more satisfaction to the giver as well as the receiver, than some article of daily necessity and comfort? What Will Equal for the Price one of those Solid Oak Handsomely Carved Leather Seat Rockers we are offering at **2.48**

Over 100 different distinct styles Rockers, in all woods and upholsteries. In a comprehensive and gradual scale of prices from **1.50 to 20**

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Another article of the greatest home comfort, and they do not cost much if you buy them here. You can buy a Velour covered one as low as $5.00. A very fair tufted one with solid oak frame for $7.75. 25 styles ranging in price.

$10, $12, $15, $18, $20, $22 and $25

Book Cases and Combination Book Case and Desks

A fine one in solid quartered sawed oak, polished swelled glass door to bookcase. Beautiful shaped French plate mirror top, for $19.50

You'll pay $25 for it in Boston.

Another Favorite Article of Home Comfort

Morris Chairs, solid oak, velour upholstery $5.00

Others, $7.50, $8.50, $10.00, $12.00, $15.00 and $18.00.

Children's Rockers and High Chairs

50 styles to select from..50c to $6.50

Can You Think of a Greater Relief From Tiresome Labor

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House Desks

Just think of the welcome such a gift would get in any home without one. We have them from

$5.00 to $19.50

There is Always Room for a Picture.

We have hundreds of them from $1.00 up to $8.50. A very handsome, good size, gilt frame one for.....$2.00

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All sizes, from door rug to large art squares, ingrain, tapestry, velvets, Smyrna. A very beautiful one for a present $3.50

In Fact This Store is Loaded to Bursting Point With Seasonable Merchandise

Parlor Lamps, Parlor Clocks, Vases, Mirrors, Hat Trees, Parlor Tables, Sideboards, Dinner Sets, Parlor Sets, Odd Pieces, Gilt Chairs, Music Cabinets. And what is the matter with a Crawford Range for a present?

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What is more acceptable, or in good taste for an Xmas Gift than Clothing for Men, for Women, for Children?

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On Easy Payments

Thus not only pleasing you, but furnishing you an opportunity of making your friends happy.

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Fit Guaranteed or Money Back

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19 Merrimack Street

A CHRISTMAS MORN AWAKENING

(How a Boy Aroused the Household on the "Day of Days")

By ANDREW P. ELKSTON

Sleep is over; hear that horn.
Wake up, Jack, it's Christmas morn.
See the stockings stuffed so tight—
Golly, how I wish 'twas light!
Wait; I'll feel and tell what's there.
Ouch! My finger's caught for fair.
Wake up, Jack! How can you snore
Christmas day at half past four?
I'll get up and strike a match.
Maybe Jennie 'll hear the scratch!

Pshaw! I don't care; I can't wait;
It is getting awful late.
Jen, is that you? Christmas gift!
I caught you. Now help me lift
This big bundle off my chair.
Let's wake Tom up. Pull his hair.
Toot your horn, Jack, wake them all
Let's hit Papa with the ball.
Beat your drum, Tom; blow your horn.
Get up, Pop, it's Christmas morn!

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LEFT A FORTUNE

Mrs. Malcolm Knew Nothing of It

CHICAGO, Dcac. 18.—Left an heiress in her infancy, and only discovering the fact when she was 27 years old and married is the experience related to Probate Judge Cutting by Mrs. Clara Laing Malcolm, in proceedings begun to ascertain what had become of an estate originally valued at $135,000, alleged to have been dissipated by her father and guardian, Guthbert W. Laing, once a real estate dealer in Chicago. The court ordered a box in a safety deposit vault opened in the hope that some remnant of the property may be discovered.

Mrs. Malcolm told the court that her mother died in 1876. Immediately afterward the little girl was sent to her father's parents in Lapeer, Mich. Occasionally, she said, her father sent her money, the largest single sum being $80, but she never knew that she was an heiress until she was married last June and went to reside in Ann Arbor.

Former Governor Hamilton, who has charge of Mrs. Malcom's case, had summoned Laing and former Senator Mason as counsel, into court to show what had become of the money. Neither appeared but an expense account of guardianship was produced that surprised Judge Cutting. It included items ranging from $3 for repairing an office desk to $2600 which was paid for a trip to Europe. Incidentally, among the investments, was a payment of $97,000 for land in Captain Streeter's district of Lake Michigan, made without permission of the court.

Judge Cutting ordered a citation issued for the plaintiff's father to compel his appearance in court.

HOW OLD IS ANN?

She'll be in the window of the women's department of the Merrimack Clothing Co. until Christmas. The person guessing nearest the correct age may select merchandise to the value of $25 the day after Christmas.

ITALIAN KILLED

By the Explosion of Dynamite

IPSWICH, Dec. 18.—By the explosion of a charge of dynamite which two men were trying to remove from a wall today an Italian known as "No. 31," was killed and Andrew Currie, of Beverly, was seriously injured. The men who were employed by Contractor Dielch of Beverly in the construction of foundations for a new building on the Phillips estate in this town, had placed the stock of explosive in the wall yesterday and attempted to explode it, but it appeared defective. When they tried to take it out today it exploded and blew off the top of the Italian's head. Currie was taken to the Salem hospital in a critical condition.

FLYING MACHINE

SUCCESSFUL TRIALS OF ONE WAS MADE.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 18—A successful trial of a flying machine was made yesterday near Kitty Hawk, N. C., by Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio. The machine flew for three miles in the face of a wind blowing at the registered velocity of 21 miles an hour and then gracefully descended to earth at the spot selected by the man in the navigator's car, as a suitable landing place. The machine has no balloon attachment, but gets its force from propellors worked by a small engine.

CHELMSFORD.

The selectmen gave a public hearing last evening on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. for permission to erect poles and wires in Westford street from Lowell street to the house of Walter Perham. There were no remonstrants and the selectmen voted to grant the petition.

The school committee held the regular meeting last evening in the town hall and transacted routine business.

F. J. Davis Co.

Leaders in Easy Terms and Low Prices

Clothing on Credit

Come this week and look at the many things we sell in our Ladies' Department that make useful and appropriate Christmas gifts. We sell them at cash prices on our easy terms of no money down and a little a week.

No Money .. Down

Don't wait to save up to pay cash for your clothing. Come to us. We will trust you. Isn't it a comfort when you come to a store like this, select what your fancy chooses, and pay for the same in small weekly payments.

Ladies' Cloaks and Suits . . . . $10 to $35
Millinery . . . . . $3 to $8
Gent's Overcoats and Suits . . . $10 to $25
Boys' Suits and Overcoats . . . . $3 to $10

NEW STORE. NEW GOODS

13 Merrimack Square, 16 Prescott Street

GREEN STAMPS FREE TO CUSTOMERS.

OUR FIFTH GRAND SPECIAL

HOLIDAY SALE

OF

Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, Silver Plated Ware, Sterling Silverware, Clocks, Fancy China and Cut Glass

We intend each year to get together a line of special bargains in each of our departments at extremely low prices. Articles mentioned in this advt. are goods purchased in large quantities during the dull months when the manufacturers will sell at very low prices to keep their help in orders. These goods were purchased especially for Christmas bargains at very low figures.

WATCHES

1 lot Ladies' 14kt Gold Filled, hand engraved cases. Fine Waltham or Elgin movement, every one warranted. Sale price **$15.50**

1 Lot Ladies' O. size, solid 14kt hand made case, extra fine Waltham or Elgin works, warranted. Sale price . **$16.50 to $25**

One lot 14kt Gold Filled Gents' Watches, fine full Jewel, Waltham or Elgin works, warranted 25 years, price **$19**

One lot 16s Gents' solid Gold Watches, extra fine, 21 jewels, adjusted Waltham or Elgin works **$45 to $65**

Sterling Silver Toilet Sets in Silk Lined Cases $8.50 to $20

Our Special Bargain, 50 Sets Sterling Hair Brush and Comb in Case **$2.50** Set. 75 Sets Silver Hair Brush, Comb and Mirror in Case **$6.50.**

CLOCKS

50 One Day French Gilt Clocks **93c.**

25 One Day Gilt, large size warranted **$3.50**

One lot large size 8 day, strike hour and half, every one warranted . **$3.98**

CHAINS

Gents' Gold Filled Dickens Chain, with locket or charm . **$1.50 to $10**

500 Ladies' Gold Filled long Watch Chains . . **$1.50 to $7.50**

Special Sale of Nut Picks

100 Sets, silver plated, at . **9c** set
Others from . **50c** to **$1.50** set

DIAMONDS

One lot Diamond Rings 1-16 to 1-8ct in fancy hand made settings **$12**

One Lot Diamond Rings, 14kt, hand made settings in Plain, Tiffany, Belcher, or fancy settings, . . **$18 to $25**

One lot special selected White Diamonds, set in 14kt hand made Plain, Tiffany, Belcher or fancy settings, 3-8ct. . **$30 to $35**

These Diamonds are all warranted and are special value for the money.

Also a large line of Diamond Rings weighing 1-2 to 2ct. Price **$40 to $250.00**

Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons

Rogers' first quality, every piece in this lot warranted.

Tea Spoons .	Sale Price	42c	set
Dessert Spoons	"	15c	each
Table Spoons .	"	20c	each
Forks. . .	"	90c	set
Knives . .	"	$1.49	set
Sugar Spoons. .	"	35c	each
Butter Knives. .	"	42c	each

Silver Plated Novelties

300 Silver Plated Hair Receivers at **42c**

75 Silver Plated Cream Bowls, gold lined **90c**

Crumb Scraper and Tray, Bread Trays, Claret Pitcher, sale price . **98c**

Beginning to-morrow evening our store will be opened every evening until Christmas

JEWELRY

Solid Gold Link Cuff Buttons, in all the latest designs in bright polished, Roman or rose finish, extra heavy, **$2.50 to $6.50**

One lot Gold Link Cuff Buttons, set with diamonds, price, **$5.50 a Pair**

One lot Gold Filled Brooch Pins, made up exactly like a $10 gold pin set with pearls and opals; warranted. Price, **$1.65**

One lot Solid Gold Brooches, set with pearls and opals, ... **$5.00**

One lot Gold Brooches, set with diamond nad pearls in sunbursts, star and crescent shapes . . **$6.50 to $12.00**

Silver Plated Tea Sets

We have 25 patterns in high grade Silver Plated Tea Sets, From **$4.80 to $50.00**

One special 4-piece set, warranted. Price, ... **$4.80**

One lot 4-piece set, hand burnished. warranted, ... **$6.90**

One lot 5-piece quadruple plate, hand burnished, at **$9.80**

Butter Dishes to match all Tea Sets, **$1.25 to $6.00**

UMBRELLAS

A large line of fine, new and up-to-date 26 in. and 28 in. umbrellas, all the latest styles in silver and gold, horn, box wood handles **$1.00 to $12.50**

One lot special selected 26 in. fine gloria with sterling silver handles, for ladies, price, **$2.60**

SILVER PLATED

Smoking Sets, Shaving Mugs with brushes, **$1.25 to $10**

300 Brass Candle Sticks with shade and holder, **25c each**

500 Sterling Silver Thimbles, all sizes, **13c each**

REMEMBER THESE ARE OUR SPECIAL BARGAINS FOR ONE WEEK

No. 64 MERRIMACK STREET

GRANT JEWELRY CO.

FRED GRAY, Manager

Telephone

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.45	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.22	7.40	6.30	7.28
a6.32	7.40	7.55	8.55
a6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.02	c9.00	9.37
a7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
7.31	8.50	x10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	a11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.58
9.40	10.40	01.00	1.37
11.00	12.03	2.00	3.01
a11.43	12.25	a3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.50
a1.56	2.30	a5.00	5.37
a3.03	4.20	5.35	6.25
a3.47	4.30	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
a5.22	6.15	a7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	a8.30	9.05
a6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
a7.29	8.10	11.20	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
a6.33	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.40	5.00	5.58
a9.20	10.15	a7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	a8.30	9.04
a5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.50	9.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.35	10.32
9.25	10.32	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.20	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.50	5.50
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.05
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.05	6.48	9.30	10.40
6.15	7.15	b11.15	12.15
7.00	8.00		
8.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	6.00	6.27
5.30	6.55		
8.00	9.05		

Trains by western division leave Lowell from Middlesex St. Station.

a Via Bedford.

e Express.

x From Middlesex Street Station only.

B Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

LOCAL NEWS

Printer—F. A. M. Tobin's Printery.

Lawler Printing Co., 29 Prescott st.

Best blacksmiths' coal $5, Stanley's.

Desk blotters with silver corners. Lawler's.

John J. Pickman, lawyer, No. 2 Hildreth building.

Hire your hacks at O'Donnell's stable. Tel. 439-4.

Mandolins, Banjos, Guitars on instalments. Stratton & Handley, Hildreth bldg.

Challenge brand coffee, all grocers and butchers. Sullivan & Co., 147 Middle St.

Buy a nice set of furs for your best girl at Chris Holmes' 124-126 Merrimack street.

Go to Tom Kelley's for your skates. Children's skates 25c. T. H. Kelley, 522 Middlesex street.

You can fool the whole of the people some time and some people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time. Moral—The women's department of the Merrimack shows such an array of fresh, new goods suitable for Christmas gifts as you'll not find in town cut prices to beat the stamp fever—but no stamps.

Teachers' Bibles for 98 cents. Lawler's.

CHILDREN'S HOME

MISS O'LEARY ACKNOWLEDGES FAVORS RECEIVED.

The children's home acknowledges the receipt of a load of kindling wood from Mr. James A. Thompson; half a cord of hard wood from Miss M. A. Gage; one barrel boys' clothing from Mrs. H. V. Hunt, Peabody, Mass., and a generous supply of cooked food from the First Trinitarian church.

Christmas day at the home will be observed in the usual way. Christmas dinner will be free; Santa Claus will preside and there will be an entertainment by the children.

ELLEN O'LEARY.

Diaries for 1904. Lawler's.

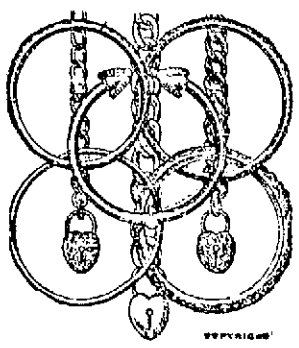
..CHEAPER..

At 50 cents a ton more than other coal he had bought, was the unsolicited statement made by one of our most prosperous business men yesterday when renewing his order for coal with us.

This with the fact that we do not charge more, should indicate to you where to buy your coal.

D. T. SULLIVAN

Office and Elevators, 45 Perry St., Branch Office, 227 Central St.



BRACELETS

skilfully wrought in gold and silver, in the highest style of artistic elegance, as well as all other kinds of jewelry, are displayed at Harris'. We are showing the latest Christmas styles, and you can choose from our big stocks well within your means. Bracelets from $1 to $5.

HARRIS, 10 Appleton Street

Christmas Drafts

Money sent to England, Ireland and Scotland at lowest rates at

JAMES F. O'DONNELL'S

STEAMSHIP AGENCY,

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ROOM 27, ASSOCIATE BLDG.

WEDNESDAYS FROM 1 TILL 7 P. M.

WOOLEN TRADE

Shows a Great Falling Off

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Special telegrams from correspondents of the international mercantile agency concerning the state of trade throughout the United States are summarized as follows:

Interest and dividend disbursements at Philadelphia Jan. 1, will aggregate $9,000,000, at Pittsburg, $6,000,000 and at St. Louis, $4,000,000. At the "Quaker City" the woolen industry fell behind 25 per cent. this year, owing to previous forced production and strikes but the outlook for 1904 is good. General trade prospects at Pittsburg for next year are for gains. Chicago reports a fair outlook for next year, St. Louis an encouraging one, and for St. Paul as good as this year. Nearly all leading western railways are suffering from lack of motive power to move freight offered, the first instance of the kind this year. Inquiries for 50,000 tons of rails and structural steel at Chicago constitute one of the features of the industrial week. While Texas railways are doing a heavy business, there is some complaint of collections in that state.

The commerce of the country, in the absence of marked labor disturbances, promises to show the results of the invigorating influence of the United States having paid off not only nearly $500,000,000 of indebtedness abroad during 1903, but of our having actually established a credit on the other side in addition thereto. The export trade within three months has outrun all records.

Financial interests are less confident of as much of a January rise in the stock market as customary in view of the extent to which loans were made last summer in the fear of high rates to run until after January 1. F. A. Vanderlip of the National City bank states that as some dividends have been cut, others abolished and new issues put forth, it does not seem that the percentage of the amount to be paid out in New York as interest and dividends on Jan. 1 should change much from a year ago, when it was estimated at $109,805,000.

Inquiry in New York indicates that the year's trade at the Metropolis, other than in iron, steel, lumber and cotton goods, has averaged fully equal to and in some directions has slightly exceeded like totals in 1902.

New lot of furs at Chris Holmes, 124-126 Merrimack street.

APPEAL FOR HELP

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF BOERS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Peter Van Vlissingen has received a letter from General Christian R. Dewet acknowledging the receipt of $1,166, a contribution to the Boers in the neighborhood of Kopjes siding, Orange River colony, who were ruined by the recent war and unfavorable conditions since the conclusion of peace.

"Accept," writes General Dewet, "my thanks for your services in behalf of our poor, ruined people and also to those who enabled you to send this sum. We hardly have had rain since the conclusion of peace, and harvests have been failures.

"Further help would be welcome. I do not ask for myself, but beseech further aid for the widows and children of the heroes killed in the recent war."

Artistic decorations at the Armory tonight.

ANARCHIST ARRESTED

HE IS CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 18—Charles Pierson, a local anarchist, has been arrested charged with disorderly conduct. He was tried in recorder's court on a charge of obstructing the streets, found not guilty and discharged.

There was no foundation for the sensational stories sent out by correspondents of eastern and northern papers that plans of President Roosevelt's home at Oyster Bay were found in Pierson's possession.

Military Dance tonight, 25 cents.

LARGE THEFTS

LAID AT THE DOOR OF YOUNG CLERK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18—While working on a salary of $9 a week, Gus A. Grigsby has robbed his employers at the rate of $200 per day, according to Manager David L. Rose of M. L. Barrett & Co.

When arrested $250 worth of costly vanity boxes were found concealed in Grigsby's clothing. In the four months that his meagre salary has kept him attached to the firm it is believed that he has stolen between $12,000 and $15,000 worth of stock.

CHAFING DISHES.

We have just received a lot that came in a little late, and we have decided to mark them away down. $3.50 reduced to $2.69; $4.00 reduced to $3.25; $5.00 reduced to $3.75; $6.00 reduced to $4.00. We have only a few. Come early. The Thompson Hardware Co.

Our Favorite

GOLD ENAMEL

is a washable enamel that can be applied on any surface.

It makes cheap-looking articles appear smart and expensive. It is just as bright, smooth and rich-looking as the genuine gold leaf.

25c and 50c boxes

C. B. Coburn & Co.

63 Market St.

DUBOIS MYSTERY

Has Been Partly Cleared Away

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Part of the mystery that surrounded the life of Alpheus D. Dubois has now been cleared away. Dubois was principal of a public school here 53 years. He lived as a recluse and when he died the other day, even his most intimate friends were astonished to learn that he had left an estate valued at half a million; that he had been married and separated from his wife half a century ago and had a daughter whose married name he did not even know. Information as to the whereabouts of the widow and daughter has been obtained. They have lived for several years with friends in Kingston, N. Y., and are now spending the winter in Florida. The daughter's name is McKee and she also is the mother of a little girl whose existence the old school master was unaware.

It is not known whether the widow and the daughter intend to institute a contest for the wealth. So far as known Mrs. Dubois, the widow, and Mrs. McKee have not written to inquire, even formally, of the death or of the estate. The will which brought their existence to light left Mrs. McKee only $10,000.

The principal legatees were Dubois' two sisters who live in this city, and a brother who lives in California. Small legacies also were left to several teachers.

Dainty card cases. Lawler's.

Mr. L. E. Baril, the well known horse dentist, will start for New York Dec. 24.

COTTON MARKET

DID NOT SHOW SO MUCH ACTIVITY TODAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The cotton market was not so active today as yesterday but reflected continued excitement, coupled with much uncertainty. Cables showed great irregularities abroad but at the time of the local opening were as high as expected and the market here opened firm, unchanged to 7 points higher, placing all the active months at new high records for the season with January just after the call selling at 12.64; March at 12.85 and May and July at 12.90. Following this there was immense realizing which eased the market off to about last night's finals but there seemed little bear pressure and the general undertone remained firm in a feverish way with fluctuations narrow and irregular.

Address books and visiting lists. Lawler's.

IRISH VOLUNTEERS

HELD SECOND DANCE LAST EVENING.

The Fifth Regiment, Irish Volunteer, Fife and Drum Corps, held its second dance in Hibernian hall, last evening with a large crowd and a delightful time. The Colonial orchestra played for dancing. The officers in charge were: General manager, Hugh O'Rourke; assistant manager, Michael T. Rourke; floor director, Thomas D. Lane; assistant floor director, Michael J. Sullivan; chief aid, Thomas J. Daley; aids, James J. McNamara, Michael J. Kane, Andrew F. Roach, Thomas J. Rourke, Michael H. Rourke, James Barry; reception committee, Charles J. Shanley, chairman; James O'Rourke, Peter Higgins, Geo. Jordan, James McHugh, Michael J. Lee, secretary.

GRAND SEND-OFF

GIVEN TO PRIVATE FRANCOIS TURGEON.

Francois N. Turgeon, the young marine who has been spending a 30 days' furlough at his home in Fletcher street, this city, leaves tomorrow for the Portsmouth navy yard where he will finish out his term of enlistment which expires on Oct. 18, 1904.

Last evening a number of Mr. Turgeon's friends assembled at his home and gave him a grand send-off. The event took the form of a cobweb party with whist as a side attraction. Music of a pleasing order was furnished by Miss Laura Chabot, Miss Della Emond, Misses Marie Louise and Anna Vigeant and Messrs. Majorique Cossette and Albert Lavole. Ice cream, cake and light beverages were served. Mr. Louis Turgeon and Miss Adeline Turgeon, brother and sister of the young soldier, were the organizers of this pretty affair, which was truly a right royal send-off for Mr. Turgeon.

The prizes at whist were won as follows: First men's prize, pack of cards, Mr. Gustave Fortier; first ladies' prize, a china tray, Miss Marie Louise Barry; boobies, Mr. Louis Turgeon and Miss Marie Louise Vigeant.

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Traders National Bank of Lowell, held yesterday, it was voted that the semi-annual dividend No. 21, of four per cent. be paid by check, mailed to stockholders, January 1st., 1904, that are of record at close of business Dec. 26th., 1903.

Calendars and Christmas cards. Lawler's.

Mrs. John P. Farrell of Moyie, B. C., formerly Miss Sadie Spencer of this city, is visiting at her former home, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Hand lace collars, Oriental bazaar.

CHURCH RECTOR

TESTIFIED IN HOPPER-DUNSMUIR WILL CASE.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18—In the Hopper-Dunsmuir will case yesterday, Rev. W. C. Shaw, rector of the church of the Advent, Oakland, told of performing the marriage ceremony betwen the late Alexander Dunsmuir and the late Josephine Wallace, mother of the plaintiff, Edna Wallace Hopper. He had heard Dunsmuir was addicted to drink and had talked with him with a view to finding out his condition. Dunsmuir talked clearly, distinctly and intelligently. He was not under the influence of liquor. During the marriage ceremony Dunsmuir made the responses in a clear and distinct manner. He was quite well, there being nothing strange about him. Mrs. Wallace was also in good health.

W. R. Mighell of the California Shipping company, whom testified for the defense, stated that Dunsmuir had always impressed him as being able to transact his business.

The popular games of Pit and Flinch. Lawler's.

Only one Oriental Bazaar in Lowell.

..THE GIFT GETTING..

Is Yours, and right joyous should it be. You will find attention, intelligent suggestions and a larger stock than ever.

TWO FOR ONE DOUBLE BLUE STAMPS

Ladies' Br. Rubbers, 2½ to 3½ 25c
Ladies' 50c Storm Rubbers...39c
Ladies' $1.00 Leggins.....69c
Misses' 75c Leggins.....49c
Children's 50c Leggins.....45c
Children's 40c Rubbers.....24c
Boys' 50c Rubbers.....49c
Boys' 50c Rubbers..... 39c
Men's Roll Edge R. Boots...$2.75
Men's $2.50, 4-buckle Overshoe $1.98
Men's $1.25, 1-buckle Overshoe 98c
Misses' $1.25, Low Heel, Box Calf Shoes $1.00

Slippers, Shoes and Foot Comforts. Our prices will enlarge the number of your gifts. Bring the misses to see our Dolls; they are beauties. Some of these little misses are going to be happily surprised. Your little miss may be one of the good guessers

J. J. LONERGAN

225 DUTTON STREET

Xmas at the...

MERRIMACK

There are six business days left before Christmas—do you realize that neither on Broadway, New York, or Washington Street, Boston, can you see such an array of beautiful Xmas gifts suitable for every member of the family—as you'll find displayed in our windows---no trashy goods that have been saved over---no premiums---no catch penny devices employed here---we depend on low prices for high class goods to get your patronage---is that what you want?

Gifts for Men

HOUSE COATS

At $5.00 there's a choice of ten styles of fancy back cloths—in oxford, gray, black, blue, olive and wine shades.

Two styles of tricots at $6.00—plaid lined and satin faced collar and lapels.

The $7.50 range is choice fancy backs in the wanted shades—with plaids or striped backs.

The better grades at $9.00 and $10.00 include the popular double face velour cloths in new combinations; tricots with quilted satin lining and two styles of velvets.

Garments selected this week will be held for Christmas delivery if desired.

BATH ROBES

A good selection of Eiderdown wraps, specially priced at $3.75—$5.00 value.

Some new designs in the $5.00 range—fancy, all over effects and plain bodies with fancy borders.

Better grades at $7.50 and $10.00.

Lounging gowns of fancy back cloths with buttons and button holes as well as cord and tassel—two styles at $10.

Choice Neckwear

Exclusive shapes and styles—in luxurious silks and satins.....25c to $2.50

Gloves

For driving, walking, dress or work—fur lined, silk lined, wool lined or unlined—a great stock....25c to $4.00

Suit Cases

Leatherette, sheepskin, cowhide—initials marked free.....$1.50 to $3.00

Umbrellas

Nobby handles—on serviceable bodies, $1.00 to $5.00

Suspenders

The sensible, serviceable kind—in single boxes.....50c to $2.00

Handkerchiefs

Linen, lawn, silk—plain or with initial, 5c to $1.00

Sweaters and Wescuts, $1.00 to $5.00

Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons, 25c to $2.00

Way Mufflets, 50c, 75c.

Mufflers, 50c to $2.00.

Dress Shields, $1 to $3.

Arm Elastics, 15c to 75c.

Gifts for Boys

Top Coats

One of those $5.00 All Wool Friezes will make a good Christmas gift for any boy. If your limit is $3.00 or $4.00 there's good choosing here, and if you want a better garment, you can pay as high as $10 and get all you pay for.

Wescuts and Sweaters

Nothing would please him so well—He needs it, too; these days show how much service and comfort he could get out of a Wescut.

The Wescut buttons up close about the neck when out in the cold, and can be opened and rolled back under the coat when indoors. Not so much danger of getting cold after it, as the sweater.

Plain grays, gray with collar and cuffs of red, blue or green—are the most wanted shades; there are also plain white, blue, garnet and same shades with contrasting collar and cuffs.

Boys' Wescuts are priced at $2.50—and are worth it.

A splendid assortment of all wool Sweaters in the desirable color combination at $1.00.

A fine worsted Sweater at $1.50.

Boys' Gloves

Wool, Kid or Mocha.....25c to $1.00

Boys' Fancy Vests, white or with neat stripe $1.50

Boys' Neckwear, a good selection at 25c

Boys' Night Robes, flannelette.. 50c

Gifts for Women

RICH FURS

Furs of standard quality are the only kinds that find their way here and ours are all fresh this season, they are the newest thing out.

Fur Coats of Nearseal—plain and combination of Beaver and Persian Lamb...$37.50, $45.00, $55.00 and $65.00

Neck Pieces.....$7.50 to $62.50

Muffs .....$7.50 to $25.00

SILK WAISTS

Our assortment includes the "party waist," "service waist," and waists for all occasions in Peau de Soie, Peau de Cyng, Crepe de Chine and Taffetas.

Every waist neatly boxed.

You will find good choosing in all the different prices.

$3.75, $5.00, $7.50, $10.00, $12.00

SILK PETTICOATS

Every woman has use for a silk petticoat and you may feel sure of pleasing her with one of the kind we have.

There is also a large showing of the mercerized and moreen petticoats which please.

In the silk petticoats we have a specially good value and on which we guarantee you a saving of one dollar; should be priced $6.00, but run out of the regular skirt so placed them at this price $5.00

Others at ....$7.50, $10.00 and $15.00

NECKWEAR

Shop around town all you please—you won't find the assortment of neckwear, such as is shown here.

Top Collar 25c to $1.50

Silk Stocks 25c to $3.75

Lace Ties 50c

All the newest top collars and sets in the ecru and white scrim, 25c to $1.50

Shirt Waists, neatly boxed, $2.00 to $5.00

Rain Coats.....$10.00 to $25.00

Muslin Underwear, 50c to $9.00 a garment

Hosiery.....25c to $3.00 a pair

Golf Vests and Sweaters, $1.00 to $5.00

Dressing Sacques.....$1.00 to $3.00

Bath Robes.....$3.95 to $5.00

MERRIMACK Clothing Company

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ROBBERS

The Gang Wanted in Boston Planned Their Game Here

THE REPORT THAT THE GANG OF SAFE BLOWERS AND BURGLARS THAT HAVE BEEN TERRORIZING ESSEX COUNTY FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS HAS HAD HEADQUARTERS IN LOWELL IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE POLICE. TWO OFFICERS HAVE REPORTED TO HEADQUARTERS THAT THEY BELIEVE THE BURGLARS HAVE BEEN IN LOWELL AND THEY ARE NOW WORKING ON THE CLUE THAT FURNISHED THEM WITH THE BELIEF THAT THE DEPREDATIONS COMMITTED BY THE DESPERATE GANG WERE PLANNED IN THIS CITY.

SUPT. MOFFATT WHEN ASKED BY A SUN REPORTER THIS AFTERNOON IF HE SUSPECTED THAT THE GANG WORKED FROM THIS CITY, REPLIED: "IT IS BARELY POSSIBLE THAT THE GANG DID VISIT LOWELL. I HAVE HAD REPORTS THAT WOULD TEND TO THAT BELIEF AND THOSE REPORTS ARE BEIG INVESTIGATED. OUR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY WATCHFUL AND IF THE GANG DID OPERATE FROM LOWELL WE WILL GET THEIR HISTORY WHILE HERE.

THEY PROBABLY CAME HERE TO DO BUSINESS AND CHANGED THEIR MINDS AFTER LOOKING THE GROUND OVER. AS I HAVE ALREADY STATED, OUR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PRIMED FOR THE ADVENT OF THE GANG AND IF THEY WERE HERE AND DIDN'T OPERATE, IT WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID TO RISK IT."

DECLINED TO ANSWER.

When asked if the report had it that the robbers had put up at a cheap boarding house in Middlesex street, Supt. Moffatt declined to answer. He said that all the information he had concerning the affair he had received from his officers.

The story of the arrest of the two men in Ipswich, supposed to be members of the gang, was introduced and Supt. Moffatt was then induced to talk freely of what had transpired in Lowell.

The two men arrested in Ipswich gave the names, Frank Brown and James Wilson. Brown hailed from Haverhill and Wilson from Lowell. As soon as Supt. Moffatt learned of the arrests in Ipswich he telephoned to the different officers on their beats to learn if they knew Wilson and his investigation resulted in the finding that Brown and Wilson have been in Lowell.

BROWN IN LOWELL.

Brown came to Lowell the first week in December and after remaining here three days went away and was gone four or five days. He had no visible means of support but did not lay himself liable to arrest at any time.

Wilson was in Lowell Sunday and remained until afternoon. These facts have been furnished the superintendent by two of his officers. If Brown and Wilson prove to be members of the gang it would seem fair to assume that they came here as the advance guard for the safe blowers and finding the place too well policed decided to turn their attention to other fields.

ARRESTED IN LOWELL.

Four men, James F. Tracy, William Lawlor, John E. and Joseph White were arrested in this city about two years ago on warrants charging them with breaking and entering in Andover. The quartet was a tough looking one and it was the general belief of the local officers that they would be heard from later. The men were sentenced in Essex county to serve one year each in the house of correction.

When the reports of the depredations of the gang now hunted by the police struck Lowell the quartet above mentioned was immediately suspected and the local police are still firm in the belief that when the gang has been rounded up that one or more of the quartet will be found.

Supt. Moffatt went to Cambridge this forenoon as a witness to the superior criminal court and took with him the pictures of Tracy, Lawlor and the Whites. He intended to go to Boston after getting through with court work for the purpose of viewing the body of the burglar that was shot to death at East Boston yesterday morning. His time was limited, however, and he was obliged to return to Lowell on the first train.

THE SAME HOUSE.

The house in Middlesex street in which Tracy and Lawlor stopped and from which they were arrested by the local police, is the same house in which it is said Brown and Wilson stopped during their recent visit.

Not only from appearance and general demeanor did the police look upon Tracy and Lawlor as bad men, but outside of the window of the room in which they slept was found a 38-calibre revolver and a bag of cartridges. They denied ownership, but the police were satisfied that the revolver and cartridges belonged to them.

The very fact that the gun and cartridges were found there was, in the police mind, decidedly suspicious. It was a precaution on the part of the men that stamped them as more than ordinary offenders. The act insinuated that the men were fearful of arrest and in order to rid themselves of a dangerous piece of evidence placed the revolver and cartridges where they were found. The court could not prove that they belonged to them. While at police station Tracy refused to talk at all and when Lawlor seemed inclined to answer questions Tracy would say: "Get onto yourself; you ought to know your number."

The descriptions of the burglars that have aroused the police throughout Massachusetts, meagre as they are, tally quite favorably with the pictures and general apeparance of Tracy and Lawlor.

THE BERTILLON MEASUREMENT.

The opportunity is open to say a word for the Bertillon measurement system. It was not in vogue when Tracey, Lawlor and the White brothers were under arrest here. Had the system then been in use it would be easy to learn ofr a certainty if the burglar shot at East Boston was one of them. The system is so accurate that not only are the measurements correct but the slightest imperfection is noted, and while it is often very difficult to find a resemblance between the picture in life and the body in death, the measurements and imperfections or peculiarities noted by the Bertillon system would remain the same.

Supt. Moffatt has telephoned to the Ipswich police and will go there to examine the prisoners as soon as the investigation at this end has been perfected.

WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair tonight. Saturday fair, with rising temperature; fresh north to northeast winds.

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LOWELL CLERGYMEN

AT FUNERAL OF LATE BISHOP BRADLEY.

Among the clergymen present at the funeral of the late Right Rev. Denis M. Bradley, bishop of Manchester, N. H., in that city yesterday, were the following from Lowell: Rev. Wm. O'Brien, P. R., and Rev. James A. Walsh of St. Patrick's, Rev. John J. Shaw of St. Michael's and Rev. L. A. Nolin, O. M. I., of St. Jean Baptiste's. The deceased prelate was well known in this city and visited here many times.

The many friends of Mrs. M. J. Lennon of Pleasant street will be pleased to learn that she is rapidly recovering from her injuries and is resting comfortably at the home of her sister on Wilder street. It will be remembered that on Thanksgiving eve Mrs. Lennon fell at her home and broke her arm.

YOUNG MEN SUSPECTED.

It was reported today that two Pelham boys and a Lowell young man are suspected of having assaulted Martin Smith of Windham in the north part of Pelham on the afternoon of December 7. Mr. Smith, an aged man, was robbed of $25 and cruelly beaten.

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Chas. W. Taylor, M. D., graduate of Harvard Medical School, later of Eye and Ear Infirmary of Boston, late medical examiner of Massachusetts Medical Society, late physician and surgeon of Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, and at present physician and surgeon of Lowell Eye and Ear Infirmary.

MONEY ORDERS

Cause Big Rush at Post-Office

One week from today will be Christmas and the clerks and carriers at the local postoffice are beginning to become aware of the fact by the increase in the amount of mail matter. As yet the carriers have not felt the increase but very little, but starting next Monday the packages and boxes will begin to arrive, and it will be a case of hustle in order to get their routes delivered within the eight hours.

The outgoing mails are very heavy, the clerks on the "out" side being pushed pretty hard, while the clerks at the stamp window are doing all kinds of hustling. When a Sun reporter went through the federal building this afternoon he found a long line of people waiting to purchase stamps.

The registry and money order office is doing a rushing business but their receipts will not amount to as much a previous years, this being caused by the recent strike, many operatives who sent money to the old country every Christmas finding it impossible to do it this year owing to the amount of money they had to pay out during the shut down of the mills.

During the past two weeks about $7000 worth of money orders have been sent to foreign countries while the domestic orders have amounted to upwards of $6700. Most of the foreign orders go to Ireland and England, but quite a few are sent to France, Austria and Germany, and last week a few went to Japan. The other foreign countries get orders, but the amounts are rather small when compared with the amounts that are sent to the first five named countries.

The registered letters and packages have been coming in speedily and of course the rush next week will be greater than this.

FAMILY EVICTED

Because she owed two months and a half rent, amounting to $17.50, Mrs. Helen Latoureau and family of 3 Racine place, Little Canada, were this afternoon evicted from their tenement in the fourth story of the block owned by Mrs. Virgine Langlois.

The eviction took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon in an atmosphere of 10 degrees and a hurricane blowing from the river across Little Canada that frost-coated all the windows in that district despite the warm fires within the houses.

The family included Mrs. Latoureau, a Franco-Irish woman about 55 years of age, her daughter and three children of the latter, aged two years, one year, and five weeks, who were in the house at the time, and two sons and the daughter's husband, who were away at the time.

BURNED TO DEATH

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Bridget Delaney, aged 70 years, was burned to death at her home today while attempting to light a fire in her kitchen stove. The paper which she was using to start the fire blazed up suddenly, the aged woman's clothing igniting, and the flames enveloping almost immediately, and causing her death soon afterward. She leaves one daughter, Delia.

LOWELL MAN

Suspected of Belonging to Gang of Robbers

IPSWICH, Mass., Dec. 18—It developed today that two men who were arrested by the local police last night, supposedly as tramps, were really detained on suspicion of being connected with the burglary and assault in East Boston Thursday morning.

The men gave their names as Frank Brown and James Wilson. Brown claimed to live at 62 Winter street, Haverhill, and Wilson said he had recently come from Canada and had been living in Lowell. Considerable money in small change was found in Brown's pockets, together with a pocketbook containing a number of beggar's cards with such inscriptions as "Please help the blind." State Officer Neal came here today to investigate the matter and the two men were given a hearing before Trial Justice Sayward.

At the hearing both men claimed that they were shoemakers by trade and were seeking work. Brown said he had been chopping wood in Maine for about a month and previous to that had worked in a Haverhill shoeshop. William W. White, a boy 16 years old, testified that before the men were arrested last night, as they were about to board a street car, he overheard one of them say to the other:

"I hit him a blow and he went over on the floor."

White said that he at once reported this to Patrolman John Dupray, who arrested the men on suspicion. Patrolman Dupray corroborated the boy's statements.

The men were held in $200 each for a further hearing tomorrow morning and were taken back to the local jail.

State officers would say nothing about the case, and left town immediately after the close of the hearing.

BOSTON POLICE

ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR THE OUTLAWS.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Even though two men were arrested at Ipswich, Mass., today on suspicion of having been connected with the case of safe blowing and robbery yesterday at East Boston, which was followed by the killing of one of the burglars by the police, the police power of Boston and many other cities and towns were put in force today to capture the outlaws. Both Supt. Pierce and Chief Inspector Watts of the department of Boston, expressed the opinion today that although the leader of the band of burglars is undoubtedly a professional desperado, his assistants, including the dead robber, belong to a class of amateur criminals. The slain burglar was, they think, undoubtedly a vagrant or beggar, who had turned to the more dangerous pursuit of highwayman and safeblower.

Under the belief that the robbers might still be hiding in Boston, the police today asked all the lodginghouse-keepers of the South and West Ends to keep a sharp lookout. At the request of the police, also, the lodginghouse proprietors viewed the body of the dead burglar to see whether they could identify it as that of a former lodger. The police do not think that the dead man was William P. Smith, as declared by an East Boston woman yesterday.

The police received today a theory of the shooting of yesterday to the effect that the dead robber was really killed by the leader of the gang and not by the police, as part of his plan to get rid of an assistant whom he had enticed from vagrant life and who might inform on the others of the gang.

FUNERALS

McKENNA—The funeral of the late Charles E. McKenna took place this morning from his home, 28 West Third street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased, including a number from out of town. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Dennis Murphy. The choir under the direction of Mr. Thomas P. Houlgt sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by members of the choir. The bearers were Messrs. Charles Kelley, William Smith, Joseph Dawson, John Riley, John H. Burke and William Read. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Murphy. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Peter Davey.

DEATHS

SIMPSON—Died in this city, Dec. 17, Endora E. Simpson, aged 38 years and five months. Funeral will occur from her late residence, Lowell hospital, Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock. Friends invited.

KANE—Rosanna Kane, an old resident of this city, died this morning at her home, 18 Bussett street.

GAGNON—Mrs. Elizabeth Gagnon, nee Rheaume, wife of Pierre Gagnon, died last evening at her home, 422 Broadway, aged 73 years. She leaves besides her husband six children: Gilbert, Gedeon and Arthur Gagnon, all of Lowell; Alexandre, who is a member of a Catholic brotherhood in Canada, and Mrs. Antoine Duhaime and Mrs. Hormisdas Lajoie of Lowell.

SIMPSON—The death occurred late yesterday afternoon at her home, the Lowell hospital, of Mrs. E. E. Simpson, wife of the superintendent, Dr. Charles E. Simpson. The deceased lady, who was 36 years of age, had been ill for some time. Much sympathy is felt for Dr. Simpson in the bereavement which has befallen him.

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Good Mixture.....10c lb.
Choice Mixture.....18c lb.
Best Mixture.....25c lb.
Columbia Chocolates.....18c lb.
Queen Brand Chocolates 15 varieties.....30c lb.
Imperial Brand Chocolates, 12 varieties.....50c lb.
Peanut Squares.....10c lb.
Ginger Sorghum.....10c lb.
Salted Peanuts.....10c lb.

CHEESE

Best Mild Cheese.....15c lb.
Best Old Cheese.....18c lb.
Best Sage Cheese.....18c lb.
Young American Cheese.....18c lb.
Roquefort Cheese.....40c lb.
Pineapple Cheese 35c and 50c each
Edam Cheese (in foil).....90c each
Neufchatel Cheese.....6c each

NEW NUTS

Best Mixed Nuts, (no shell-barks).....2 lbs. 25c, 13c lb.
Best Walnuts.....18c lb.
Best Almonds.....18c lb.
Best Pecans.....13c lb.
Best Filberts.....13c lb.
Best Castanas.....13c lb.

Dates, Figs, Raisins and Dried Fruits

Best Persian Dates 4 lbs. 25c, 7c lb.
Good Layer Figs.....13c lb.
Best Layer Figs.....18c lb.
Washed Figs.....25c basket
Good Loose Raisins.....8c lb.
Fine Loose Raisins.....10c lb.
Best Loose Raisins.....12c lb.
Fine Seeded Raisins.....11c pkg.
Best Seeded Raisins.....13c pkg.
California Seedless Raisins 13c pkg.
Fine Cleaned Currants.....10c pkg.
Best Cleaned Currants.....12c pkg.
Fine Washed Currants 3 lbs. 25c, 9c lb.
Best Candied Citron.....18c lb.
Crosse & Blackwell's Candied Orange and Lemon Peel..18c lb.
Evaporated Apricots.....15c lb.
Evaporated Peaches.....10c lb.
Large Silver Prunes.....15c lb.
California Prunes
.....2 lbs. 25c, 15c lb.
.....2 1-2 lbs. 25c, 12c lb.
.....3 lbs. 25c, 10c lb.
.....4 lbs. 25c, 7c lb.
.....6 lbs. 25c, 5c lb.
Cluster Raisins for the table, ...25c and 35c lb.

Sweet Florida Oranges, 25c, 30c and 40c doz.
Best Lemons.....20c doz.
Good Lemons.....15c doz.

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Pickles, Olives, Ketchups, Condiments

Crosse & Blackwell's Pickles, 23c, 35c and 55c bottle
Budlong's Pickles:
Quart bottle.....25c
Small bottle.....12c
Mammoth Olives, 45c and 70c bottle
Queen Olives 25c, 35c and 60c bottle
Spanish Olives..20c and 30c bottle
Baby Olives.....10c bottle
Stuffed Olives.....10c bottle
Pim Olas.....18c and 35c bottle
Queen Olives.....35c quart
Sour Pickles.....15c quart
Sweet Pickles.....25c quart
Sour Kraut.....10c quart
Heinz Ketchup.....25c bottle
Blue Label Ketchup 15c, 20c bottle
Good Ketchup, 3 bottles 25c, 10c bottle
Heinz India Relish.....25c bottle
Walnut Catsup, 20c and 35c bottle
Mushroom Catsup, 20c and 35c bottle
Snider's Oyster Cocktail Sauce, 25c bottle
Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce....25c, 45c and 70c bottle
Halford Sauce.....35c bottle
Tabasco Sauce.....40c bottle
Essence Anchovies.....20c bottle
Bloater Paste.....35c bottle
English Sauce.....10c bottle
Pepper Sauce.....10c bottle

Yerxa's Best Flour.....$5.75 bbl.; $3.00 ½ bbl.; 75c bag
Boston Granulated Sugar.....5c lb., 21 lbs. $1.00, $4.70 per 100 lb. bag
Best Vermont Creamery Butter.....27c lb., $1.85 per 5 lb. box
Best Houlton Green Mountain Potatoes.....22c peck, 85c bushel

THE SUN LATEST 5 O'CLOCK

LIQUOR CASES

Three Defendants Ordered to Pay Fines

IT COST ONE OF THEM ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

Stubborn Girl Was Sent Away

"It isn't lately that I've been stubborn," said Rose Sullivan in police court today, when asked to plead to a complaint charging her with being a stubborn child.

Rose's father told the court that Rose has been a wayward girl for more than a year. She was in police court a year ago charged with being a stubborn child and since that time and up to within three weeks ago she lived with her aunt in Providence, R. I. Since she returned to Lowell she has been living here and there. A few days ago she was found in a Paige street house and was told by a police officer that the house was not a fit place for a young girl and that if she didn't leave there he would place her under arrest. She left the house the next morning and went to a friend's house in Tewksbury.

"I have been living with my aunt and she's as good as you are and a good deal better," said Rose to her father while he was on the witness stand.

Rose's aunt told the court that Rose's actions displeased her and it was her wish that the girl be sent to the House of the Good Shepherd in Boston.

"I don't want to be sent away for nothing," said Rose.

"I'll go there if they want to get rid of me," she said, "but I'll fix them when I get out."

FOR KEEPING LIQUOR.

The following fines were imposed for illegally keeping liquor: Daniel J. Gannon, $75; Albert Caron, $5; John Donohoe, $100; Joseph Francois, charged with illegal keeping, was found not guilty.

Monogram dies. Lawler's.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE

POSTPONES ITS MEETING UNTIL MONDAY NIGHT.

Owing to the illness of Alderman Burns, the meeting of the committee on claims scheduled for tonight has been postponed until next Monday night. It is propable that the committee will clean up all the business now before it and meet no more after Monday night.

Oriental Bazaar, 318 Merrimack St.

COUNCILMAN PETERSON

MAKES STUDY OF THE CITY'S FINANCES.

Among the visitors at City hall yesterday was Councilman-elect Peterson of ward eight who spent an hour acquainting himself with the state of the city's finances. It is not expected however, that the newly-elected councilman will offer anything startling for the first few days at least.

PRINCESS NOT ILL.

BERLIN, Dec. 18—The report published by the Journal of Paris that the Princess Charlotte of Saxe-Meiningen, sister of Emperor William, is suffering from cancer and that the verdict of the physicians has created consternation in the German court, is officially defined as "nonsense." The princess is not even ill.

Birthday books, all kinds. Lawler's.

The Itch Fiend

That is Salt Rheum or Eczema,—one of the outward manifestations of scrofula.

It comes in itching, burning, oozing, drying, and scaling patches, on the face, head, hands, legs or body.

It cannot be cured by outward applications,—the blood must be rid of the impurity to which it is due.

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COVER UNMOVED

Will Not Agree to Dowd's Pardon

WILL ENGAGE COUNSEL TO FIGHT PARDON

Says He is Positive of Identifloation

Although the aid of several friends of J. B. Cover, including Mayor Howe, has been sought by those interested in the pardon of Dowd, one of the Lawrence men sentenced to life imprisonment for assault upon Mr. Cover, to get Mr. Cover to withdraw his objection to Dowd's pardon, that gentleman remains unmoved and states that if necessary he will engage counsel to assist him in keeping Dowd in prison.

A short time ago Thomas F. Logue, Dowd's alleged pal, was pardoned on the ground that he was suffering from a fatal disease, but since his release he has gained in health and there is every reason that he will recover.

Mr. Cover when seen by reporters last night in regard to the movement to pardon Dowd, made the following emphatic statement:

"When I went before the governor's council I thought Logue's days were numbered. I had no idea that he was to be pardoned to regain his health and get back into the world once more. It wasn't right. He was one of the men who knocked me down, stole my money and shattered my health, and he should suffer for it. Instead he is liberated after serving only a short time in state prison.

"I am told that they are now trying to pardon Dowd. I will state right here that I shall oppose the pardon of Dowd, and shall appear with counsel before the governor's council as a remonstrant. There is no reason why Dowd should not serve his sentence. They claim that they can prove his innocence. I am positive they can't. Do you think I can ever forget his face? And do you think I can ever forget Logue's face? It is impossible. I am positive that they were the men, just as positive as the day when I identified them in the guard room at the police station."

LADY MANAGERS

HELD FINAL SESSION IN ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18—The final session of the board of lady managers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was held today. The session was a busy one, as many matters upon which action had been deferred came up for settlement.

Miss Helen M. Gould and her party departed for New York late last night. All the other members of the board that have been present at this convention remained during the final session.

The newly elected president, Mrs. Daniel Manning of Albany, N. Y., said today:

"I shall return to my home, get my house in order and return as soon as possible. It is probable that I shall find it necessary to make a number of trips to St. Louis before the fair opens. I shall secure a residence in St. Louis and remain here during the exposition."

PAID FOR YEARS

IT IS ALLEGED NO WORK WAS DONE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Judge Warren B. Hooker, former representative in congress from western New York, finds himself more embarrassed by the disclosures made in the unpublished details of Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow's report on postal frauds. It appears from the official representatives of the postoffice inspectors who investigated the charges that certain persons were carried on the rolls of the postoffice at Fredonia and Dunkirk without being required to perform any service.

Among the offenders was Morris Hooker, a relative of Judge Hooker, who was appointed a laborer in the Fredonia postoffice while Judge Hooker was a member of congress. The accounting officers of the auditor show that Hooker received $600 without performing any service. In the same office at Fredonia it is shown that Frank P. Ball was carried on the rolls as clerk and received a salary of $2532. The inspectors found that Ball had performed no service.

At Dunkirk, in the same congressional district, the inspectors state that J. A. Link has been carried on the rolls as laborer several years, during which he has rendered no service to the government. In the meantime he has received sums aggregating $3100 which the auditors of the postoffice department decides must be returned to the government.

CONSUMPTION CURE

IT IS SAID ONE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED.

NEW HAVEN, Ct., Dec. 18.—In a paper read before the New Haven Medical Association on "Some Investigations of a Bacterial Treatment of Tuberculosis" Dr. Stephen J. Maher of this city has announced the discovery of a sporing bacillus, which is apparently beneficial in the treatment of consumption. The bacillus was isolated from the milk of a tuberculous cow. Live cultures of it were injected hypodermically into more than 50 consumptives, and Dr. Maher asserts that such injections are absolutely safe, and that many apparent cures have promptly followed injections given in the earlier stages of the disease, while benefit has been given in the later stages.

The bacillus has been studied for Dr. Maher by Prof. H. W. Conn of Wesleyan University, who says that it differs slightly from any described species of bacillus mycoides. Throughout Dr. Maher's paper it was referred to as the "X bacillus."

Ladies' writing cases. Lawler's.

Do you want values or premiums? We're out with special values in the women's department of the Merrimack to meet the stamp fever. You'd better see the Merrimack Xmas windows.

MURDER CHARGE

Fitzgerald Entered Plea of Not Guilty

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 18—To the charge of murdering Annie McDermott, otherwise known as Annie Boyce, Patrick Fitzgerald pleaded not guilty in the district court today, and was held without bail for trial Dec. 29. The assault which caused the woman's death occurred at the couple's apartments in Olneyville, Thursday, Dec. 10th., their neighbors being startled by the sight of the woman rushing into the street with blood gushing from her throat. She was removed to the hospital where she died from her injuries on the Sunday night folowing. Fitzgerald was held for assault last Friday and at the woman's death the charge was changed to murder.

IN GOLF GARB

THAT'S THE WAY HIGHWAYMAN PARADED.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18—A holdup man posing as a golfer, with a caddy to search his victims and a magazine gun to enforce his commands, is the newest addition to Chicago's varied assortment of thugs. They found several victims on the West side yesterday afternoon.

"Tee off!" Daniel Ballow, 1686 West Madison street, heard this command, given in a short, incisive manner, and, looking up, peered into the muzzle of a magazine revolver levelled at his head. The man who had the weapon was dressed in the regular golf costume, a golf cap was perched on his head, and his feet were slippers such as are used on the links. Ballow thought it was a joke when he saw the golf costume. When the robber shook his revolver the victim changed his mind. "Off to the side," said the highwayman. Ballow did as he was told, and they stepped into a hallway.

"Get in your work, boy," called out the robber. A boy, who had been hidden in the shadow of the hallway, stepped out and searched the pockets of Ballow while the other held the revolver uncomfortably close to his head.

"Now run," said the robber, placing his revolver to Ballow's back and counting up the $100 secured. "Turn about! That's right. Now travel across the links and if you look around I will be tempted to lodge one of these little golf balls in your system."

Ballow hurried away, and for nearly 24 hours the police have been vainly looking for the golf man and his caddy.

PARK COMMISSION

WILL MEET AGAIN ON SATURDAY EVENING.

The park commission held a brief meeting last evening and after transacting routine business, adjourned until Saturday evening.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Cotton futures opened firm. Dec. 12.57; Jan. 12.60; March 12.85; April 12.92; May 12.96; June 12.94; July 12.94; Aug. 12.91.

Elegant furs for Xmas gifts at Chris Holmes', 124-126 Merrimack st.

ITALIAN KILLED

AFTER OPENING A CAN OF POWDER.

AVONMORE, Pa., Dec. 18.—One man was killed, two probably fatally injured and two more seriously burned by a flash of flame following an attempt to open a can of powder at Edey, a small mining settlement, near here. Fire followed the explosion and three of the men were rescued from the burning building by companions, one of the latter being burned. The victims were Italian coal miners.

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5 O'CLOCK

DESPERATE GANG

Superintendent Moffatt Has Instructed His Men

To Keep Their Revolvers in Fighting Trim and to be on the Watch for Gang of Burglars —Officers Will Not Take Any Chances

The shooting gang of safe blowers and robbers that has operated in various parts of Essex county for the last few months have put the police in this vicinity on their mettle. The death of one of the gang, due to the straight aim of a Boston police officer yesterday morning, has strengthened the determination of the police to either corrall or exterminate the gang. Last evening Supt. Moffatt issued a special bulletin advising all his officers to have their revolvers primed and loaded. The officers were made familiar, at the roll call last evening and at 1.30 this morning, with the character of the men and the depredations committed by them since the middle of November, when two safes were blown in Peabody.

The local police officers were given to understand that the gang was not a safe one to take chances with and they were ordered to guard their beats with increased watchfulness; to inspect lights in stores and look into all cases of unlocked doors. If they have suspicions that all is not right a thorough investigation must be made.

HAVE OPERATED EXTENSIVELY.

The gang has operated in surrounding towns and cities and while the blowing out of the life candle of one member of the gang may result in a period of quiet the police believe there is every reason to suppose that they will renew hostilities and there is no reason to believe that they would take extra pains to give Lowell a wide berth. "Have your revolvers cleaned, loaded and ready for action" was the plain reading of the bulletin issued at headquarters last evening.

The police are not in possession of any accurate description of the gang of looters, but they have a very meagre description of three of them and the gang's work has been so extensively carried on that their modus operandi is well known to the police. All this was explained to the officers at the roll call last evening and this morning. The robbers are as methodical as it is possible for men in their business to be. They do not indulge in guess work so far as the location of loot is concerned. The gang consists of two parts, an advance guard and the operators. The advance guard visits the town or city, locates the scene of action and lays plans for the carrying out of the burglary, so that when the safe blowers strike town they are ready for business and familiar with the ground. Their organization is as perfect as it can be and this fact alone makes it extremely difficult for the police to cope with them. The fact, however, that the police in the various cities have been told to "take no chances," renders the operations of the gang a trifle dangerous.

WATCHMAN BRUTALLY ASSAULTED

The state police are positive that the long line of burglaries committed in various sections of the county since the middle of November has been the work of the murderous gang that rifled the office of the Metropolitan Coal company, leaving the watchman for dead, at East Boston, yesterday morning.

State Officer Whitney was in Lowell yesterday afternoon and was closeted with Supt. Moffatt for more than an hour. Gen. Whitney believes that the gang is one of the most dangerous that ever infested this section of the country and he thinks they would not hesitate to murder.

HEADQUARTERS IN LYNN.

He is of the opinion that the safe blowers have headquarters in Lynn. It is a well known fact that Lynn has more ex-convicts within her gates than any city in Massachusetts and when crimes, such as have been committed by the gang in question, are reported, the state police pay particular attention to that city. Others of the state officers are of the opinion that the gang came to Massachusetts from New York, but all this will be purely conjecture unless the member of the gang who was shot to death at East Boston yesterday morning is identified.

The gang has operated in Peabody, Danvers, Haverhill, Merrimac, Groveland and East Boston. The state police and the police in the various cities and towns throughout the state are united in the endeavor to bring this desperate gang to justice.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY PETITION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—One of the most extraordinary petitions ever filed in the bankruptcy court here has just been offered by Henry T. Jarrett, treasurer and manager of the Graphol Chemical Co. The petition alleged that the concern is insolvent and had committed acts of bankruptcy on Oct. 1 by paying in full the wages of two girl employes and between No. 1 and Dec. 1 by paying claims of several other small creditors and workmen. The concern was capitalized at $100,000 and manufactured powder for use in coloring photographs.

THE WHEAT YIELD.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 18. The official estimate of the wheat yield of New South Wales is 28,570,000 bushels, an increase of 12,500,000 bushels compared with the record of the year 1901. About 18,500,000 bushels are available for export.

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HORSE RAN AWAY

Firemen Found "Ben" in Pelham

ANIMAL TOOK SPIN OF SEVERAL MILES

Ran From Branch Street Engine House

A peculiar incident occurred at the Branch street engine house this morning in which "Ben," a horse belonging to the steamer Torrent, made things lively for several hours and gave several of the firemen a journey out to Pelham before he was captured.

Chief Hosmer keeps his wagon at the Branch street house during the night and this morning when the alarm from box 34 rang in shortly after 6 o'clock, as is the custom every horse in the stable rushed to its position in front of the respective wagons.

The hose wagon at this house responds to 34, but the steamer does not go unless a second alarm is rung in. Harry Sanders, the chief's driver, hitched his horse and as the steamer was not going several of the engine men assisted in getting the hose wagon out, as two of the men on the hose were at breakfast.

"Ben" after going to his position in front of the engine and finding that he was not needed immediately turned around and going back to the stable entered the stall next to his and when the chief's wagon started to leave the stable followed it out but instead of going up Smith street the horse started up Middlesex street at a furious rate of speed. He continued up Middlesex to Wilder and from there down to Gage's ice houses and up Pawtucket to School, over the bridge to the Mammoth road.

Some one at Richardson's farm in Collinsville telephoned to the fire station that the horse was seen going towards Pelham a little after 6.30 and about 7 o'clock it was learned that the animal had been captured at Cutter's farm just over the Pelham line. Several of the members of the company were sent in search of the stray animal and finally located it and drove it back to the engine house.

Chief Hosmer said that this was the first time that a horse had ever done any thing like this, but thought it strange that the horse instead of following his wagon took another route.

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REPORTS UNTRUE

ABOUT THE RESTORATION OF DREYFUS.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The reports circulated to the effect that War Minister Andre had announced the restoration of Dreyfus to the army are manifestly untrue. The case is now before the special commission of judges, which has not concluded its sessions and has not rendered a decision. The war minister has not made any announcement on the subject, official or unofficial.

CHIEF DINNEEN

WILL RECOVER UNLESS BLOOD POISONING SETS IN.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Dec. 18.—Both victims of last night's trouble at the Central police station here were alive today and both were said to have good chances for recovery. Chief of Police William F. Dinneen, who was shot by Patrolman Gardner Northrop, passed a comfortable night at the hospital. Physicians who remained with him during the night said today that unless blood poisoning develops he will get well. The condition of Northrop who attempted to shoot himself and then gashed his throat with a jackknife, after the assault, while not dangerous, was too serious to permit his arraignment in court today. He is under police guard at the station.

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POISON CASES

Two Narrow Escapes From Death

LAUDANUM TAKEN BY WALTER WHITWORTH

Mary Donoghue Drank Creolin

Walter Whitworth, a cobbler, doing business at 21 Whipple street and residing at 54 Sidney street, got a quantity of laudanum into his midst by mistake last night and only by the prompt and effective work of Dr. John Boyle was his life saved.

About 8 o'clock last evening Whitworth took some peppermint and mixed it with what he supposed to be Jamaica ginger. Immediately after taking the drink he felt strange effects and taking another look at the "ginger" bottle learned to his horror that he had drunk an ounce of laudanum. Dr. Boyle was hastily summoned and the latter upon learning the nature of the case applied a stomach pump with good effect and relief was given almost immediately.

Whitworth was removed in the ambulance to St. John's hospital where he was made comfortable. It was stated that he will recover.

A SIMILAR MISTAKE.

By a similar mistake Mary, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Florence P. Donoghue of 362 Lincoln street, had a narrow escape from death last evening. Her parents gave her a dose of creolin, supposing it to be cough medicine. Dr. Wesley Sawyer who was called made the little sufferer comfortable. Her condition is not dangerous.

Pictorial Lowell, 25 cents. Lawler's.

RUSSIAN TROOPS

ARE STILL MOVING TOWARDS PORT ARTHUR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—A traveller who has just returned from Manchuria says Russian troops are still moving night and day towards Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN CIRCLES

STILL HOPE FOR PEACE WITH JAPAN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A special despatch from St. Petersburg says:

"Optimistic anticipations of a pacific solution of the Russo-Japanese crisis are still entertained in the leading Russian officials circles, in spite of some disquietude on the part of the public and alarmist press reports."

Don't miss to call, Oriental Bazaar.

MILLIONAIRE SHAW DEAD.

BATH, Maine, Dec. 18.—Hon. M. G. Shaw, millionaire lumber man and extensive owner of wild lands, died today aged 84 years. Mr. Shaw came here from Greenville, his native town, 20 years ago and organized the M. G. Shaw Lumber Co. Since then he has become proprietor of vast tracts of wild land in the vicinity of Moosehead Lake. He was also interested in the Machias Lumber Co., and was a director of the First National bank of this city. His fortune is estimated at $2,000,000. Mr. Shaw is survived by three sons and a daughter, Charles D. and W. M. Shaw of Greenville and Hon. A. M. Shaw and Mrs. P. H. Kimball of Bath.

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Ladies' 50c fur trimmed Slippers with leather soles. SALE PRICE.... 39c pr

Ladies' 60c warm lined House Shoes in lace or congress. SALE PRICE.... 49c pr

Ladies' 75c fancy fur trimmed Juliettes in wine, black and red. SALE PRICE..... 59c pr

Ladies' $1.25 fancy Juliettes, with bows and buckles, all colors. SALE PRICE..... 98c pr

Boys' and youths' 50c Slippers in brown alligator or velvet embroidered. SALE PRICE..... 49c pr

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The Lebaudy Brothers' Vindication of the Dirigible Balloon Idea

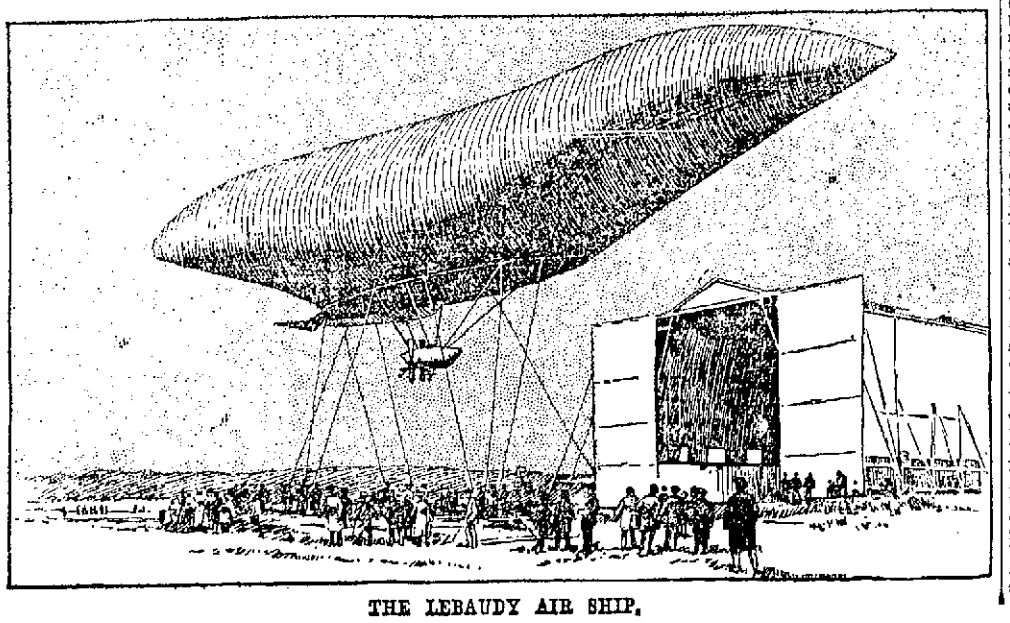
WHEN the Lebaudy brothers' air ship, which a few days later was partially wrecked near Meudon by striking a tree, covered the forty-six miles separating Moisson and the Champs de Mars, Paris, in one hour and forty-one minutes one of the greatest triumphs in dirigible ballooning was recorded. At the same time notice was served on Stanley Spencer and Santos-Dumont, who had up to that time held undisputed sovereignty as kings of the air, that they would have to look to their laurels, that a new star had arisen in the aeronautic firmament. The Lebaudy air ship attained extraordinary bursts of speed during its at all times rapid flight, now and again dashing through the air at the rate of more than two-thirds of a mile a minute, and this despite the fact that but a moderate breeze was blowing. What made the feat the more impressive was its unexpectedness. Although it had long been known that the Lebaudys were secretly at work in their park at Moisson elaborating plans to outdo anything ever achieved by their better known rivals, the ascension when it took place was unheralded and was made but in the presence of a few friends.

It must not be forgotten, of course, that the credit for this aerial triumph does not rest wholly with the Lebaudys. In fact, they play in it but a minor role, the interest they take in aerial navigation being the interest of the inventor rather than the interest of the aeronaut proper. Indeed, neither Paul nor Pierre Lebaudy participated in the dash from Moisson to Paris, the air ship being guided by a young Frenchman, a M. Juchmes, a comparatively unknown quantity in the aeronautic world. M. Juchmes was accompanied on his trip by a machinist named Rey and by M. Julliot, the designer of the balloon, which bears the somewhat peculiar name of The Yellow. This was by no means its first ascension, it having already made several claims to fame, the most noteworthy of which was a return trip from Moisson to Mantes in remarkably quick time, but not so rapid as in the case of its latest endeavor. On the earlier ocension M. Juchmes was also its pilot. Thitherto the young aeronaut had largely confined his efforts to ascensions in spherical balloons, in the management of which he had displayed not a little skill. It now appears evident, judging from the cabled accounts of the Moisson-Paris trip, that he has The Yellow in perfect control at all times and that it answers its helm admirably. Evidently, also, M. Juchmes does not lack the ability and intrepidity to get out of it the highest speed of which it is capable. During this record voyage the balloon crossed the Seine seven times and is reported to have behaved admirably throughout its passage.

This new claimant to aerial honors was built at the workshop in the beautiful park at Moisson, where the Lebaudys conduct their various experiments. In shape The Yellow is not unlike the familiar Santos-Dumont fliers, although its cigar form is not so regular as is the case with the air ships constructed by the famous Brazilian, the fore end of the Lebaudy being very pointed, while the rear end is somewhat rounded. Its lower lines are also shaped in such a way as to recall the keel of a yacht. Unlike the majority of air ships, the envelope of the balloon is not made of silk or Japanese taffeta, but of a fine sheet of india rubber stretched between two tissues of cotton and capable of resisting great pressure. The seams are covered with bands of india rubber fixed with a solution, and the entire envelope, which weighs in the neighborhood of three-quarters of a ton, is varnished with several coats of a special preparation boasting the appropriate name of balloonine. It was the envelope that sustained the greatest damage in the accident near Meudon.

A somewhat peculiar but undoubtedly serviceable feature is the covering which the car possesses, a stretch of canvas over a steel framework, constructed in such a way as to give the silhouette of a big flat fish. This canvas serves more than one purpose, but the least important of which is to protect the gas inflated balloon from possible ignition, the motor being located between the canvas and the envelope. In the event of an accident, moreover, the canvas would serve as a parachute, diminishing the speed of the downward flight. The motive power is obtained from a Daimler-Mercedes forty horse power motor, capable of turning the two screws, placed one on each side of the car, at a rate of 1,000 revolutions a minute, the screws being so adjusted that they can be used vertically, in order to advance, or horizontally, in order to ascend, or independently of each other, to permit of turning to the right or to the left. The car itself is attached to the balloon by a series of small cables, weighs nearly two tons and has accommodations for four people.

The enthusiasm with which the successful trip to Paris was greeted is significant of the widespread popular interest which is still being taken in the many endeavors of the leading aeronauts to prove that they have actually solved the problem of navigating the air. It might have been thought that the people of France had become accustomed to the sight of air ships in full flight, that the novelty of the spectacle would have worn away and that the appearance of the Lebaudy monster would have evoked at most but a mild interest. On the contrary, it occasioned the greatest excitement all along the route, and the successful Juchmes was given an ovation when he landed. This must not be attributed solely to the emotional nature of the French; it indicates that they, in common with the rest of the civilized world, realize that with every new victory in the realm of aeronautics, a milestone is marked in the forward march of progress, the increasing adaptability of man to his environment.



THE LEBAUDY AIR SHIP.

That this is the case is further shown by the widespread sympathy evoked by the accident which rendered the Yellow temporarily hors du combat. This mishap occurred near the Meudon ballooning ground and followed a very successful ascension from the Champs de Mars, which had been witnessed by an immense crowd. On this occasion Juchmes was again at the helm and was accompanied by his engineer, Rey, both of whom were for a time in great danger, but succeeded in climbing to the ground without sustaining any injuries. The accident was caused by an unexpected gust of wind which caught the dirigible balloon while it was descending and drove it into a tree top, the branches of the tree ripping a big hole in the envelope.

At once the balloon collapsed, leaving the basket and framework of the superstructure dangling in the tree. Juchmes did not lose his head for a moment and, together with Rey, leaped from the basket to the tree and rapidly descended to the ground amid the plaudits of the crowd that had hurriedly gathered. It was at first thought that the balloon had been wrecked beyond the possibility of repair, but thorough investigation showed that the damage had been confined chiefly to the envelope. During its flight previous to the mishap the Yellow behaved admirably, forging rapidly through the air against a brisk southwest wind.

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DURBO BOMBARDED

For the Purpose of Impressing the Natives

ROME, Dec. 18—The bombardment of Durbo, in Italian Somaliland, where Lieut. Grabau was killed, which has been undertaken by the Italian warship Fallieo, is merely for the purpose of impressing the natives. It is pointed out in official circles that Italy does not need foreign assistance to punish those who offend her, as might be thought after the revenge taken at Durbo by the British warship Mohawk.

A dispatch from Aden to the Associated Press Dec. 5, said that Lieut. Charles Grabau, commanding the Italian gunboat Antelope, attempted to land at Durbo, on the Tigiurtine coast, two natives belonging to a Somaliland tribe. Not seeing the Italian flag flying over the village the lieutenant gave orders to have it hoisted. The chief of the village refused to obey his command without the consent of the sultan. Lieut. Grabau gave the chief two hours in which to obey and when that time had elapsed the Antelope opened fire on Durbo. The fire was answered from the village and the lieutenant was kiled.

A dispatch from Rome Dec. 8 said that the Italian warships Lombardia, Volturno, Galileo and Christophoro Colombo had arrived at Aden and would proceed to Durbo to inflict punishment on the Somaliland tribe which killed Lieut Ghabau. On the same date a dispatch was received from Aden to the effect that Commander Grant and 60 men of the crew of the British warship Mohawk had landed at Durbo and held a palaver with the sultan and 600 Somalilands over the death of the Italian officer. The sultan refused to discuss the matter and said he would fight it out. The commander and the sultan then retired to their respective forces, who opened fire. The commander was wounded in the thigh and one marine was killed, after which the British returned to the Mohawk. This news was received with some surprise in Rome, as Durbo is in the Italian protectorate and it was contended that the British warship had no right to undertake bombardment operations there.

FOUR BURNED

As Result of Steampipe Exploding

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—By the explosion of a steam-pipe yesterday in the fire room of the Turkish cruiser Medjivia, recently built by the Cramps of Philadelphia, four men were severely scalded. They were landed here late yesterday and are being treated at Johns Hopkins hospital. The men were members of the crew of the builders of the vessel, which left Philadelphia two days ago for a trial trip. It is not thought that the men are seriously injured.

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MORE TESTIMONY

GIVEN IN THE GARRETTO TRIAL.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 18.—Several additional witnesses testified yesterday in the trial of Alexander Garretto, for the murder of Eli Corti at Barre Oct. 3 last, their testimony corroborating that of previous witnesses for the state as to the trouble in Anarchists hall, on the night of the above date that led to the shooting. All agreed that a free fight was in progress before the shots were fired, and Emelio Vochini, one witness, stated that he saw Garretto shoot Corti.

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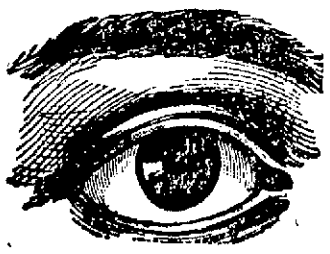

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Crazed Negro Riddled With Bullets

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—After having seriously cut George Resoner, department store proprietor, in a scuffle following a demand for money, an unknown negro last night also attacked one of three policemen who had been summoned, when all opened fire, killing him instantly. The affair caused a panic among the crowd of shoppers.

The man asked Resoner to show him some curtains when suddenly he drew a razor and shouted for money. Resoner grappled with him. Employes heard the uproar and rushed to the merchant's aid, hurling every available article at the would-be murderer. The negro then slid down an elevator rope to the basement, where from a place of concealment he sprang at and slashed the first officer. All three then shot at him, riddling him with holes.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Chevalier lodge, K. of P., held its regular meeting Wednesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: C. C., Clarence E. Wheeler; V. C., Lester O. Mason; P., Frank M. Robitaille; M. of W., Eugene Collins; K. of R. and S., Lyman C. Hodgman; M. of F., L. T. Riley; M. of E., Herbert Pilling; M. of A., William Gillispie; I. G., Charles J. Jones; O. G., Peter Gillespie.

At a very largely attended meeting of Court Wamesit, F. of A., in Foresters' hall last evening officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chief ranger, William A. Kelley; sub-chief ranger, Robert J. Crowley; treasurer, John E. Maguire; financial secretary, Thomas T. Garvey; recording secretary, James White; senior woodward, William Buckley; junior woodward, Patrick Boyle; senior beadle, James Farrell; junior beadle, James A. Sheehan; lecturer, William Reardon; trustee for three years, John J. O'Connor; physician, Dr. James E. Leary. It was voted that the court should join the fire fund. During the evening addresses were made by William A. Hogan, Robert J. Crowley, John E. Maguire, John J. O'Connor and William J. Reardon. At the next meeting of the court a smoke talk will be in order, and the installation of officers will take place.

ROBERT FISKE DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Robert T. P. Fiske, a prominent member of the coffee exchange, and one of the firm of Fiske and Brown, is dead at his home on Staten Island, of typhoid pneumonia, aged 43.

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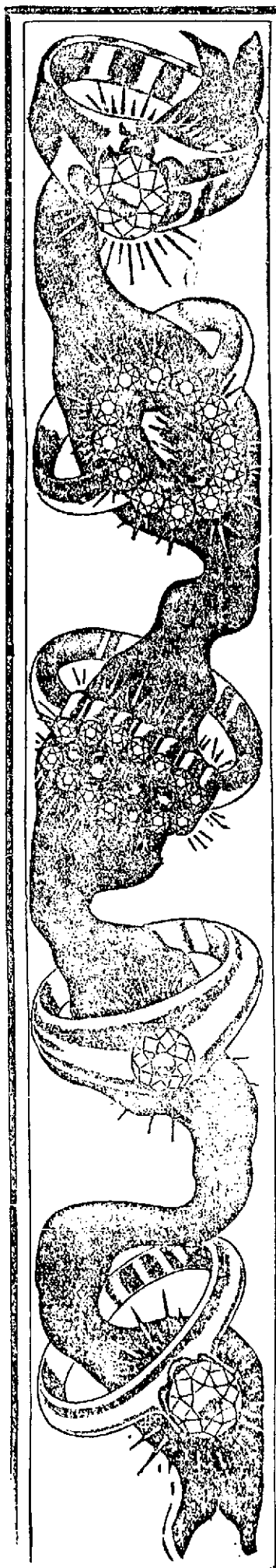

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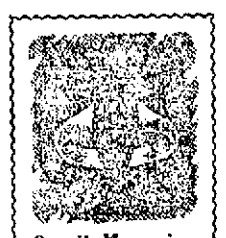

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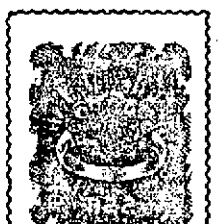

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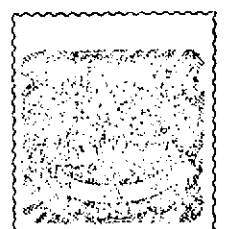

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SENSATION CAUSED

By Testimony Before Interstate Commerce Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Interstate commerce commission yesterday gave a hearing on its proposed requirement that after Jan. 1 next the tariffs on export and import traffic be published and filed with the commission the same as domestic tariff. A large number of representatives of both the railroads and shippers attended the meeting.

The most significant feature of the session was an admission by Frank Waterhouse, representing the Boston Steamship company, of Seattle, Wash., of a discriminating contract between that company and the Northern Pacific railroad. Mr. Waterhouse was discussing the seventy-five cent through rate on hemp from Manila to St. Paul, equally divided between the water line and the railroad.

"Does it not come to this then," asked Chairman Knapp, "that you want the Northern Pacific railroad to carry hemp from Seattle to St. Paul for 37½ cents, when it is brought over by your steamers, but if brought over on a tramp steamer you want to charge twice as much as their proportion?".

Mr. Waterhouse said: "If brought over on a tramp steamer they won't take it."

Chairman Knapp—"Why not?"

Mr. Waterhouse—"Because they have a contract with our line which prohibits them from taking it."

Chairman Knapp—"You do not mean quite that, do you?"

Mr. Waterhouse—"Yes sir, I mean that."

Chairman Knapp—"The Northern Pacific have an arrangement with you under which they will not carry any hemp except that you bring over in your steamer?"

Mr. Waterhouse—"I mean that they will not take it at the same rate. They would not make the same through rate to a tramp sailing ship or tramp steamer that arrived in the harbor of Seattle or Tacoma that they would to the regular line."

This admission caused a sensation and General Counsel M. D. Grover of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern took the stand to explain the situation.

SOME CYCLE NEWS

Of Interest to the Enthusiasts

Referring to a slight lengthening of heads which has taken place in the 1904 models, a trans-Atlantic observer remarks that the diamond frame is now at its best, from an artistic point of view. We are inclined to hold that the same is true of the frame of the present day cycle in this country. Its constructional superiority was conclusively demonstrated years ago, and, as a matter of fact, won for it universal adoption.

It is a remarkable fact that none of the many changes which have been made in the past decade have injured it either mechanically or esthetically. Opinions may differ as to whether long heads or short ones are and look better, each design having advocates. But we feel sure that the present type of frame, which strikes the happy mean in all such points as length of head, rake of diagonal and of head and drop to the crank-hanger, is generally regarded as the handsomest as well as the staunchest type of frame that has yet appeared. Fashion may again, as it has in the past, decree departures from this model of frame, may bring in a "dignified" type with long head and diagonal tubes, or its antithesis, the low, raky frame with an extremely short head. But it will never improve on the present model until some epoch-marking change is made.

"Jack" Prince, the owner of the local coliseum, was one of the interested spectators at the six day race last week. There was nothing doing down Jack's way during the big race, but a few hours after the grind was over Prince started for the south, where the weather is a little warmer. Despite the fact that the southern part of the country is a hot bed for racing during the winter time this season has been anything but a prosperous one for the veteran track manager and racing man.

Cyclists, like other people, are superstitious of the number 13, and the greater portion of them refuse to ride with a number 13 on their back. In the six day race Jed Newkirk, who has appeared in this city as a pace maker for "Gussie" Lawson wore the number 13 on his back and he was the first rider to get a dump.

With the three fastest riders of Lowell in the professional class in order to make a success of racing in this city next year the management of the local coliseum will have to have professional sprint racing. Besides O'Brien, Connors and Goyette, Pat Keegan will have a chance to get back into the game again as a sprinter. Unless some of the local amateurs develop more speed before the opening of the racing season the amateur races in this city will be rather slow and uninteresting.

It is doubtful if Simar, the Frenchman who teamed up with Gougoltz in the six day race will ever come back to this country to race again. Simar has shown himself to be a rank quitter in every race he has ridden here, and has made it very disappointing for his partners. He evidently has a yellow streak in him somewhere.

New York will have a bicycle show this spring. It will be held at Madison Square Garden, starting on the 19th of February and coming to an end on the 5th of March.

Few if any people ever believed that there would be much call for bicycles in Alaska, but strange to say quite a number of steel horses have been sold in that country. In fact in some parts of Alaska new roads are being built, the invasion of the bicycle being the main cause.

Paris is once more to have a winter cycle track, after being without one since 1897. It is expected that the opening will take place some time next week.

It is almost time that we heard what kind of pacing machines will be used on the tracks next season. Many of the riders advocate the tandems claiming that they are safer than the 14-horse power singles, while other riders believe that the dinky 4-horse power machines are good enough and that plenty of speed can be gotten out of them. It would seem funny to go back to the 4-horse machines after seeing the 14-horse all summer.

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PROMINENT MEN

ON CHAMBERLAIN'S COMMISSION OF EXPERTS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The names of many prominent gentlemen who have accepted positions on Joseph Chamberlain's commission of experts which is to inquire into the condition of British trade and report thereon, with the object of drawing up a tariff reform measure, have been made public.

Among them are Sir Vincent Caillard, Charles Booth, former president of the Royal Statistical society; Sir Arthur Keen, Sir William T. Lewis, Alfred Mosley, Sir Andrew Noble, Hon. Charles A. Parsons, C. A. Pearson, the well-known newspaper proprietor; Sir Charles Tennant and Sir Alfred Jones, president of the Liverpool chamber of commerce; also a number of members of parliament. The secretary of the committee will be William A. Shewins, director of the London school of economics and political science, and teacher of modern economic history in the university of London. He will be assisted by a large staff of experts and statisticians.

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STEEL PLATE PRICE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Representatives of the steel plate pool were in session here yesterday and reaffirmed the present price, namely, $1.60 per hundred pounds at Pittsburg.

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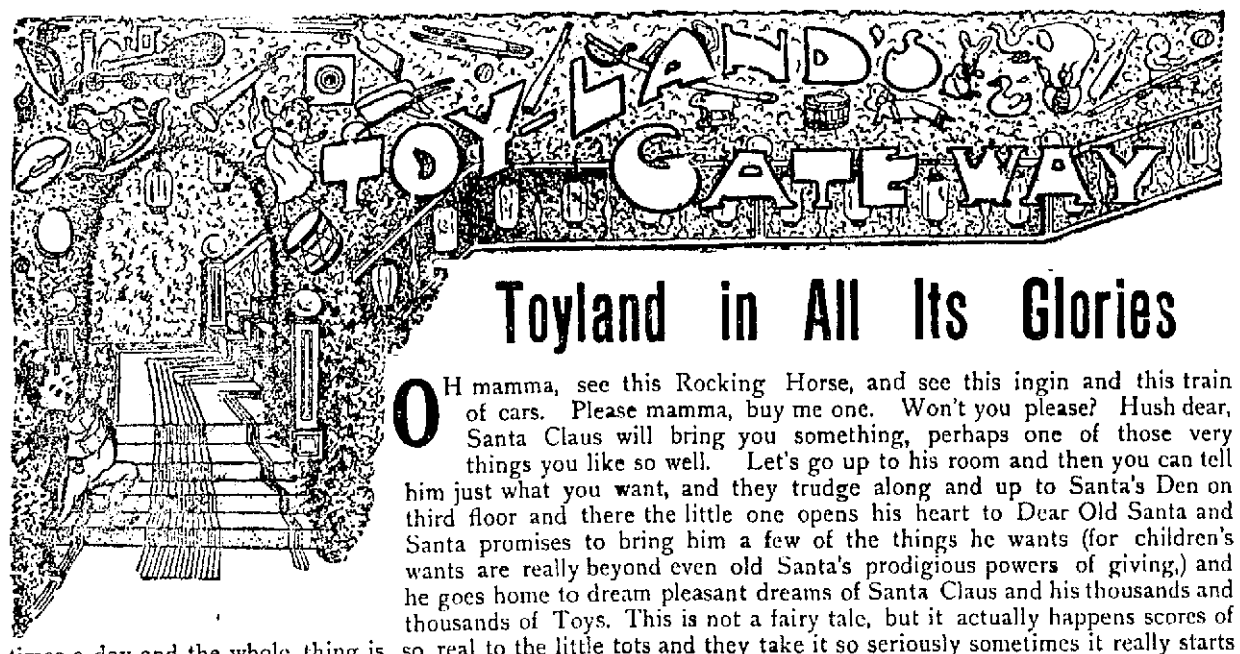

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A sensible present, don't you think? For one dollar we can give you one of the best if not THE best on the market. IT IS CALLED THE LOLLA, and is made by "Reynier," the veteran glove man. It is a 3-clasp, plain point, self and black stitching, in all the wantable colors such as black, white, tan, mode, beaver, slate, brown, ox blood, pearl, navy and green.

If you want to pay a little more money for a pair, we have them in Reynier's, Worthelmer's, Perin's and Tanert's up to...$2.50 per Pair

GOLF GLOVES and FUR TRIMMED GLOVES for men, women and children. The prices range from ..... 25c to $1.98

CHRISTMAS . . . . .

HANDKERCHIEFS

We don't claim everything in sight or say we have the best assortment ever shown of these wantable bits of white. But we do say we are showing the prettiest line ever shown in the Bon Marche. And by all reports the Bon Marche did not occupy a back seat last year or the year before. However, we want you to see them, then judge for yourself. A brief review:

FOR MEN

AT 10c—Japonette, initial and white, hemstitched initials.

AT 12½c—Linen initials (unlaundered).

AT 15c—Hemstitched linen with initials.

AT 25c—All linen, hemstitched, fine qualities, with initial.

Silk Handkerchiefs with initials ..... 25c and 50c

FOR WOMEN

AT 12½c—Linen initials, scalloped or H. S., embroidered and lace trimmed.

AT 15c—All linen initials, hemstitched and wide range of fancy embroidered.

AT 25c—Hemstitched initials, all linen and beautiful line of lace trimmed and embroidered.

Children's boxed Handkerchiefs ..... 15c, 19c and 25c

IS THERE ANYTHING BETTER OR MORE SUITABLE FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAN A PAIR OF

SLIPPERS

We have them in a score of styles. The kinds that were made for service, not show. Solid reliable sorts that you can depend upon. Here are a few of the many styles:

FOR MEN

VELVET and imitation alligator, everts and ties ..... 49c pair
BLACK DONGOLAS and embroidered, velvet ties and everts 73c pair
BROWN and BLACK DONGOLAS in everts, operas and Harvards 98c pair

FINE LEATHERS, plain or fancy trimmed ..... $1.23 pair
ANOTHER GRADE, newest shapes and trimmings ..... $1.49 pair
BOYS' and YOUTHS' imitation alligator and velvet embroidered 49c pair

FOR WOMEN

PLUSH BOUND FELT or plain felt with embroidered fronts, leather soles and counters ..... 49c pair
BED-ROOM SLIPPERS, felt tops and soles ..... 25c to 75c pair
CROCHETED SLIPPERS, all colors ..... 75c pair
AT 98c PAIR, a score of patterns, all shapes and colors, high and low cut, trimmed or plain.
QUEEN QUALITY Boots for Women ..... $3.00 pair
Some special styles ..... $3.50 pair

XMAS CANDIES. ALL PRICES

WATER AND WINE SETS

In Bohemian and Austrian effects; handsome decorations and gold tracings. The colors are blue, pink, red, green, amber, wine, etc. The prices range from ..... 98c to $4.98

An Engraved Nickle Tray given with each set.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Here the maid can select a present for her sweetheart, the mother for husband or son, the sister for brother or father, and know it will be useful and acceptable. No possibility of getting something that will never be worn, for such good taste has been used in selecting assortments, hardly an undesirable coloring can be found in the stock.

FANCY BOXED SUSPENDERS ..... 25c to $2.00
FANCY BOXED NECKWEAR ..... 75c and $1.00
NECKWEAR (not boxed) ..... 25c and 50c
SATINE NIGHT SHIRTS, one in fancy box $1.00
NIGHT SHIRTS (not boxed) ..... 39c to $1.00
MEN'S GLOVES, all kinds ..... 50c to $1.50
STIFF BOSOM and NEGLIGEE SHIRTS ..... 49c to $1.00
UNDERWEAR ..... 25c to $1.50
SWEATERS ..... 50c to $4.50
HOSIERY ..... 10c to 50c pair
COLLARS and CUFFS ..... 12½c and 25c

A BIG SALE OF

FANCY CHINA

Opened Wednesday morning. The goods were an importer's samples and surplus stock and was bought 'way under price. In fact so much under price that we are enabled to sell them at ½ THE USUAL PRICES.

In the assortment you'll find Vases, Bric-a-Brac, Cups and Saucers, etc., and the prices range from

5c to $7.98 Each

A grand opportunity for Christmas shoppers.

BEAUTIFUL . .

UMBRELLAS

You know some things are quite beyond description. So it is with this Christmas stock of Umbrellas. The handles are so handsome, the styles so varied, that it would take more space than we can give and greater degree of eloquence than we possess to properly describe them. But we can tell you this: You'll travel a good bit before you'll find a better assortment. Come and see if we aren't right. Four leading prices are

98c, $1.25, $1.49 and $1.98

But we have them as high as $10.00.

A BARGAIN IN

BELTS

Special lot just received Plaited Peau de Sole Silk, with fancy gilt and silver buckles back and front. They were made to sell for 50c each, but this lot was large and it was near stock-taking time, so the manufacturers closed them out to us for just ½ price. Now on sale at

25c Each

Another small lot that sold for $1.00, now on sale at

50c Each

A WARM PRESENT—A PAIR OF

BLANKETS

All wool, 11-4 size, red, blue, pink and yellow borders,

$3.98 Pair

If this price don't suit your purse other sorts from

49c up to $15.00

A COMFORTABLE PRESENT — A NICE

COMFORTER

Satine covering, both sides alike, filling of pure white cotton

$1.89 Each

Other styles from

98c Upwards

A USEFUL PRESENT

A FOUNTAIN PEN

Parker's Lucky Curves is the kind we carry, and it is warranted in every way. The prices range from

$1.50 to $6.00

JUST . . . .

SUGGESTIONS

Toilet Sets ..... 49c to $15.00
Manicure Sets ..... 49c to $5.00
Shaving Sets ..... 49c to $6.98
Work Boxes ..... 25c to $5.00
Collar and Cuff Boxes ..... 25c to $3.98
Handkerchief Boxes ..... 25c to $2.98
Glove Boxes ..... 25c to $2.98
Pictures ..... 10c to $6.00
Hair Brushes ..... 25c to $1.50
Hand Mirrors ..... 25c to $1.50
Soap Boxes ..... 10c to 50c
Powder Boxes ..... 25c to 98c
Powder Puffs ..... 10c to 50c
Toilet Water ..... 25c to $1.00
Fancy Perfume Boxes ..... 10c to $2.00
Trimmed Pin Cushions ..... 25c to $3.00
Tinted Pillow Slips ..... 49c to $1.00
Pillow Tops ..... 25c to $1.00
Fancy Boxed Armlets ..... 10c to $2.00
Woodworth's Perfume ..... 35c oz.
Photograph Albums ..... 49c to $6.00
Brooch Pins ..... 25c to $6.00
Watch Chains ..... 25c to $5.00
Ear Rings ..... 25c to $3.00
Pocket Books ..... 25c to $5.50
Chatelaine Bags ..... 25c to $6.00
Boston Bags ..... 49c to $4.98
Wrist Bags ..... 25c to $8.50
Carriage Bags ..... $2.00 to $8.50
Automobile Bags ..... $1.00 to $8.00
Picture Frames ..... 10c to 49c

ARMOUR'S BEEF EXTRACT CALENDAR FOR 1904

Handsome, striking, up-to-date illustrations. Ask the lady in charge of ARMOUR'S BEEF EXTRACT DEMONSTRATION how to get one and while there try, with our compliments, some of the dainty dishes that she is serving.

The Bon Marche

CANDY PULL

Something Entirely New

Not the Pull, But the Candy

It is called Honeycomb Crisp and melts in your mouth. Come and see how it is made. The flavors are molasses, lime, chocolate, orange and vanilla. Three size packages ..... 5c, 10c and 20c.

MRS. DUNN'S CIRCULATING LIBRARY

Permanently located in our book section. Call and see her.

512 DOLLS AT ONE-HALF PRICE

An importer's samples. No two alike. French and German. In kid and jointed bisque. The actual values range from 25c to $6.00. We have marked them from 10c to $2.98. Don't miss this opportunity. It is one of the wonders of dolldom. On sale in the basement.

The Glad Yuletide

Christmas Gifts

KATE CLYDE Discusses Them and Denounces the Folly of Frittering One's Time Away

WELL, it certainly is Christmas present time, and some of us have, as usual, been putting off things until the last moment; not that I disapprove of doing things at the last moment. Far from it. Only stupid and uninteresting people plan things way ahead of time. Inspiration goes with short notice. And if you haven't the real poetic feeling, the feeling that you have got to do the thing right away, and no time to think about it, is often enough inspiration.

Well, the language may be involved, but there's a good idea balled up in that paragraph.

Back to the Christmas presents! It is certainly awfully hard to choose for other people; one would really almost rather give them the money. No, I take that back. It is not possible to present a fifty cent piece as a present, but there are some presents we can buy for fifty cents that look mighty near a dollar's worth, so that an unsuspecting friend can't always tell. Anyway, the experiment is worth trying. And, oh, it is perfectly remarkable what pretty things we can buy for very little this year!

The Day of Daintiness.

You see, it is because even the cheaper things have grown so artistic. The day of plush bric-a-brac and painted photographs—the cerise colored and bright green kind—is pretty well past, and instead we have daintily colored prints that look just like water colors and quaint art nouveau desk and toilet table articles made after artistic designs in inexpensive metals.

And I must say I both like to give and I like to receive something useful—a book, a print, a cushion for my divan,

To entertain a dull man.

something to hold my pens, or my ideas when I have them.

I am going to give one of my best girl friends a book of pen and ink illustrations by a well known artist, and I know she will bless me and thank me in her heart every time she brings it out to entertain a dull and uninteresting man. Then, another girl is going to get a brass inkstand and tray combined, which will be very pretty on her writing desk. A bachelor friend will have bestowed upon him a picturesque brass bowl which will look well in his den and incidentally hold his ashes. Oh, dear me! Not his ashes, but the ashes of his defunct cigars and cigarettes.

If some one were to give me a dainty bit of neckwear to go with my best blouse I wouldn't so much mind. And let me tell you that is quite a nice present for a girl you know intimately; also collar and cuff sets of sheer linen, with the owner's monogram embroidered in two colors, are very smart to go with plain blouses. A hatpin is always welcome, remember that, and so is a good book. But don't buy note paper; most girls have decided and "cranky" ideas on the subject.

Calendars? Well, there can be too much of that. I received seven one Christmas. But an umbrella—oh, that's always a nice present, considering how one loses umbrellas—and, to return to inexpensive things, so is a wrought iron or china candlestick with a candle and shade matching the decorations of the girl's room.

Oh, I'm sure you will do beautifully with your Christmas presents. You can't go very far wrong this year.

That's a nice way of discussing the subject, isn't it? But the fact is I want to talk about something else.

The "Busy" Girl.

It is a wonder to me how some girls have so much spare time. The twenty-four hours are so crowded with me that I sometimes don't even have time to think, but I get along just as well because my brain is getting used to it. Now, I know a girl who thinks she is doing wonderfully well if she practices two hours a day and embroiders a new leaf in the chrysanthemum table doily she is making. She will unsmilingly inform you that she has had a busy day.

She got soaking wet in the rain.

My sakes alive, as the old women say, I wonder what sort of a time she would think she was having if she rushed around and got soaking wet in the rain three times in one day, besides falling shy a meal and a half just because she simply hadn't time.

To my mind, if you are a rich girl there are a thousand engrossing things to do involving the spending of money, and if you are a poor girl there are a thousand engrossing things you can do involving the making of money. But I don't see any time for a keenly alive girl to "fritter."

"When I am not spending money to the best advantage I am making it or learning something or listening to some bright conversation or meeting people who will benefit me or mending my clothes or eating or sleeping to gain strength for another day, but I don't find time to sit around like an old tabby cat doing embroidery," was the remark of a friend of mine. And, really, I didn't much blame her, for the girl she was talking to was always to be seen doing fancy work and not much else.

I would like to say it all the time, morning, noon and night, to women—be practical.

"I Wants Dem Presents Back."

Yes (this is not the same subject, but never mind)—yes, it is rather sad in a romantic way to send a man's presents back to him after it is all over. (Pardon these tears. I have just been through it myself.) But think how it spoils the dignity and pathos when you have to account for some of the missing ones somewhat after this fashion:

(And of course you have to account for them; you wouldn't have him think you were holding anything back from sentiment or otherwise.)

"I am sorry the Japanese idol has its nose missing. It flew off accidentally one day when the maid was dusting.

"And the dagger paper cutter is gone. A ma -a friend of mine took it away for fear it would bring bad luck, and I'm afraid I can't get it back.

"And here is that last cruel letter you sent to me. I can't for the life of me find the other notes you wrote. I must have destroyed them.

"And it's the oddest thing about your photograph. I thought it was in the top drawer of my desk, but it isn't, and I've looked all through the trunks in storage and even in the attic, and I can't find it. But if I ever run across it I give you my word I'll send it right away."

To know some good man cares for you.

(And you had told him you kept that photograph where you could look at it every day!)

Ah, well, it is always unpleasant to move out of a house, whether a "really truly" house or a dwelling in the heart. But once you have made the change, nine times out of ten you're happier. That's what I think, anyway.

Not that I have had the ten experiences; far from it. I am simply speaking in general terms because it sounds better.

So, as we are talking of men, here's a merry Christmas to you and to the man you love, and if you don't love him here's to the man that you will love, for there is nothing in the world that gives you such a fine "Christmasy" feeling as to know that some good, big hearted, strong man cares for you and watches over you, and (I don't care if this loses me every strong-minded woman friend I have) that feeling is a Christmas present every woman ought to have.

Kate Clyde

New York.

Women Are the Angels Of Christmastide

IMAGINE to yourself Christmas in a mining camp where there are no women! What would the "boys" do? Some of the miners would forget altogether that it was Christmas. They would rise with the dawn if it were a winter digging, swallow greasy flapjacks, bacon and scalding hot coffee and go out to ply pick and shovel all day long, coming home at night, cold, stiff and weary, merely to repeat the greasy flapjack and fried bacon and hot coffee performance and then sink into their bunks to lose themselves in sleep.

Others remember it is Christmas and do not work. What is there for them? They hang around their shanties, wash and mend their clothes, mayhap, then play cards. The married ones and those who have mothers and sweethearts probably remember to write letters home. Those who have not and who cannot bear the frightful loneliness and lack of all that makes Christmas cheer in civilization many a time drug their memories with fiery waters and end the sacred, beautiful day with a carouse that will give them oblivion for a few hours and whole days of dyspepsia and bitter regrets afterward. Heaven have mercy on these! They are well intentioned men who have forgotten they ever had mothers. Oh, of all the places and seasons—Christmastide in a camp where there are only men!

If only there were a few good women in that camp how different it would be! There would be a Christmas dinner for all, even for the lone men who have forgotten they ever had mothers. There might not be any powdered sugar or any eggs but "desiccated" ones, yet the women would have made a fruit cake, and they would have washed the grit and stones off the currants though they had to melt snow to get water to do it with. The shanties would have been clean, bright and shining, there would have been some warm, new garment for the men, there would have been some pleasant, harmless hot spiced drinks all round, not the awful liquid fire that drowns man's memory to his ruin.

And at evening, of course, there would be card games and checkers—what else? Yet in the intervals the toughest, most hardened of the men who have forgotten they ever had mothers would have joined their rough voices to the chorus in "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night."

Christmas is the festival of holy motherhood and nurturing tenderness. It is at this season that the work of women for helpless and unfortunate children is most manifest. Every normal woman has a natural mother soul toward our whole unhappy, sinning, mothers too. Their parents are the wretchedly poor and shiftless who always have too many children. A woman's place is at home, you say. But what Christmas joy, what joy of any kind, would the numerous progeny of the unfit have if it were not for the good women who spend many hours away from their homes every year to be mothers and helpers and comforters in place of those who are too ignorant to realize their duty to their children.

Foundling asylums somehow stir the most tender, pitiful feelings of a woman's soul, and no wonder. The closing of a baby's velvet soft, clinging fingers around a grownup's fingers has sent strange vibrations through the frame of a rough man before now. With the best of care and the tenderest of parents there is often due to children a perpetual apology for their involuntary appearance in this world. What then of the waifs that have none to care for them at all, that would perish of cruel hunger and pain but for the ministrations of the benevolent? Women understand this with subtle instinct, and so at Christmas most of all, which is celebrated because of the birth of a Divine Child nineteen centuries ago, women make happy the inmates of foundling asylums, orphans' homes and children's hospitals.

Oh, yes; Christmas is, above all the rest of the year, the day of women and children.

The child's thoughts are of the presents it will get, the woman's are of the presents she will give. First, there is her own family. Every member must be provided for. Are there students of her blood away at college, young people away at work? Plum cakes and baskets of such delicacies as can be provided nowhere else than at home must be sent to each of the absent, while those at home must be equally remembered. Those nearest her being taken care of in advance, the woman's mother heart goes out to the rest of the world—to the children at first, then to the grown people in the homes for the incurable and for the aged and to the inmates of hospitals, and for these charities young ladies and old ones do not hesitate to beg and wheedle and flatter in the most shameless manner. At the Christmastide women, young and old and of all races and beliefs, beg and hustle and work and give, bless them, and Jewish women are many a time among the most actively benevolent of all.

Ministering Christmas angels are the devoted women of the college settlements in the slum hearts of the cities, where the children many a time are ignorant of the meaning of the word "country" as distinguished from town and literally believe that all the earth is a mass of brick walls and gleaming, iron railed trolley car streets. If anarchy is ever to be counteracted among our foreign population it will be largely through such work as that done by women in the slum settlements of our cities, those who labor most of all at Christmastide to fill with light the places made dark by ignorance. In deed and word sermon these women messengers of grace to people of all nations preach ever, but most of all at Christmas time, the glorious, creedless religion of human love and charity.

There was one woman Christmas angel who ministered yearly to 10,000 souls, whose all embracing love was poured out upon the just and the unjust, who knew no race or creed, who recognized no crime, depravity or unworthiness at the sacred giving season, who knew only that those who hour after hour filed past her were made in God's image. Year after year when Christmas came bright, gentle Emma Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army stood in the center of the vast Madison Square Garden, New York, and hour by hour passed out dinner baskets and sweet, inspiring words to those who marched by in the doleful procession of the miserable. This year the baskets will be there, but the Christmas angel is no more with her people.

LILLIAN GRAY.

THE CHRISTMAS WISH

By LUCILLE PENNAVEAU

I

"What will Christmas bring to me?"
Asked a little child
Kneeling at his mother's feet.
Looking down, she smiled:
"Toys and books and pretty things
Mother's boy will get,
And a lot of sweets and nuts
For my little pet."
"When I say my prayers I'll add
'God bless Santa Claus.'"

II

"What will Christmas bring to me?"
Asked a little child.
Looking in his mother's face,
Patient, worn and mild.
"Mamma's darling boy is cold.
Stockings, shoes and coat
Would keep my boy so warm and snug.
Is that what you wrote?
When you say your prayers you'll add,
'God bless Santa Claus.'"

III

"What will Christmas bring to me?"
Asked a little child.
Homeless, hungry and alone
In the night so wild.
Snow and sleet around him pile
Shimmering and white.
On a stone he lays his head,
Resting for the night.
When he says his prayers he'll add,
"Take me, Santa Claus!"

IV

"What will Christmas bring to us?"
Ask we all each year,
All alike, the rich, the poor,
Waiting for our share.
Each some want has, unsupplied,
Each some boon would crave:
Hoping, waiting—at Yuletide
Faintest hearts are brave.
All unite in Christmas prayer—
"Bless us, Santa Claus!"

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A woman of Washington who applied for a license as engineer was examined in accordance with the law, and, having been found qualified to act as manager of a stationary engine, a license was issued to her.

MISS SNIFFY'S Christmas

... By ...
TABITHA SOURGRAPES

"IT does seem to me Christmas comes every three months," said Miss Sniffy, grumbling to herself. "Nothing but give, give, give, and the ungrateful creatures I spend my money on don't even thank me. The more you do the more they expect. It's a mean, ill natured, greedy world!"

Miss Sniffy touched the bell, which brought her neat maid, Mary.

"Here, Mary," said Miss Sniffy, "is your Christmas present. It is a blue calico dress and half a dozen white aprons. Of course these things are not just what I would give my niece, Miss Gwendolin, but they are entirely useful and suitable for one in your station in life."

Tabitha Sourgrapes.

The girl took the parcel with scarcely a word and hurried out, shutting the door after her. She felt as if she would burst. She flung the bundle upon the floor, then picked it up, saying:

"How I'd like to fling it at her head! My station in life!"

"Perfectly thankless! That's the way of the whole lot," remarked Miss Sniffy to herself inside the room. She touched the bell again. Mary ironed out her dissatisfied face immediately and answered it.

"Ask Miss Gwendolin to come to me," said Miss Sniffy.

Miss Gwen appears on the scene, a bright, merry faced, pretty girl.

"Gwendolin," remarked Miss Sniffy in her most unpleasant manner, "here's a Christmas present for you. It is really more than I can afford, and I ought not to give you so expensive a thing, but I suppose I can skimp myself and deny myself things I ought to have to make up for it. I wonder if you ever think how much you cost me? I probably will not be able to give you anything next year, but take it."

Gwen did not answer, but took the gift and hurried out as fast as she could, saying only, "Thanks, aunt." Her face was clouded, though the gift was an exquisite white ostrich tip cape with stole ends, just what the girl had been longing for and which set off her bright beauty like a halo. But she said as she looked at herself in the glass, "I feel as mean as if Aunt Sniff had slapped me in the face."

Miss Sniffy thought to herself: "Well, the minx might at least have been civilly thankful. But there's no more gratitude in her than in Mary."

Then Miss Sniffy put on her hat and took her distinguished presence to the Christmas tree festivities of the free trade school and kindergarten. She made a talk to the poor slum children. She asked them what they would rather have for a Christmas present. One little girl lisped:

"A candy rabbit."

A boy said he would rather have a train of cars. Miss Sniffy looked grave and remarked: "That is not at all what you ought to want. I have brought you what you ought to want. It is some serious books which will tell you what poor children like you ought to think and say and how you ought always to make your manners to the wise and good people who come down from their places to help you to be moral and obedient and humble. Read these books carefully. They are meant for just such children as you." The children merely looked crestfallen.

Miss Sniffy was a professional philanthropist. She had given a whole stained glass window to the bath room of the home for half orphan freckle faced children. It was called the Hannah Jane Sniffy memorial window. Her charities were as wide as the circulation of the newspapers in her city. When she got home that day a lady was waiting for her. The lady asked her to help a poor girl take music lessons to enable her to earn her living as a singer. The ladies wanted to give the money at Christmas.

"Is the charity a public one?" asked Miss Sniffy. "Oh, no," answered the lady. "The girl is proud. She expects to pay every cent back by and by. If a few ladies will consider the money they let her have as a private loan she will be very, very grateful, and"—

"My secretary will communicate with you and let you know," said Miss Sniffy in a manner not exactly suggestive of Christmas sweetness and light.

Next morning the lady got this answer: "Miss Sniffy can offer Mrs. Mulver no encouragement in the matter suggested. The regular philanthropic demands on Miss Sniffy at Christmas time already occupy all her time and attention."

GERMAN BARONESS DISCUSSES SERVANTS.

Baroness von Oertzen-Barber is president of the New York German Housewives' society, but her work in connection with this society is nothing compared to her interest in the intelligence offices of that city. She often has reported under an assumed name employment agencies that were not reputable. The baroness speaks interestingly on the subject of the servant and the mistress. "There is no reason," says she, "why women should have trouble with servants. I find the servants usually are not at fault. There are isolated cases of lazy and dishonest girls, but most of the foreign servants, especially those of Germany, are industrious and faithful. Good servants will not stay with an exacting and cruel employer, and one cannot blame them. Usually a good servant will not stay with a woman who is her inferior. The best way to avoid trouble is to treat the maid as if she were human."

KIPLING'S DAUGHTER.

Mr. Kipling's little daughter Josephine was well known by sight to Rottingdean and Brighton visitors. It is stated that Mr. Kipling has a great objection to any forcing of children with their studies. Some one once asked, "Is your little daughter going to be a writer?" "No," he replied; "I am proud to say she cannot even read." Josephine was called after her aunt, Miss Josephine Bulestier, the translator of Marie Bashkirtseff's journal.

COURTSHIP IN TURKESTAN.

A wedding engagement in Turkestan begins with the payment of a substantial consideration to the girl's parents. If the girl jilts her lover the engagement gift has to be returned, unless the parents have another daughter to give as a substitute.

FINE PRESENTS.

When Chinese parents are about fifty-five years of age their affectionate sons and daughters unite in giving them each as handsome a coffin as possible. These presents are received with gratitude and are often used as wardrobes until such time as they are required by their owners for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

PECULIAR CASE

Malformation of Youth's Organs

BROOKINGS, S. D., Dec. 18—Surprising results have developed at a post mortem examination of the body of William Allson, 21 years old, who died after 10 days' illness, apparently from inflammation of the stomach. The young man several times during his illness said he had been poisoned and to satisfy the family a post mortem was held. The surgeons were astonished to find upon making an incision that there was a most peculiar displacement of the internal organs. The operators found an opening through the diaphragm and a dilated stomach, nearly three times its normal size, completely filling the left side of the thoracic cavity, taking the place of the left lung.

There was no left lung, only a small rudimentary lung about one inch thick and three inches square. Lying under the stomach was found the ascending and descending colon with the appendix attached in its usual place on the lower end of the colon and also in the thoracic cavity. The heart was located on the lower right side of the thoracic cavity extending parallel and next to the spinal column between the second and fifth ribs. The right lung was not of normal size. There is no question but the anatomical malformations of the different organs had existed since infancy. The young man had never been ill and this is the reason his peculiar condition had never been disclosed. The case is believed to be one of the most remarkable in the history of surgery.

Souvenir postal card albums. Lawler's.

INFORMAL RECEPTION

WAS HELD AT THE NORMAL SCHOOL YESTERDAY.

An informal reception to relatives and friends of the students and teachers of the State Normal school in Broadway was held at the school yesterday afternoon. The event was held prior to the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays. The entire building was thrown open to the guests and all of the school rooms were decorated in a very appropriate and artistic manner with evergreen and other Christmas decorations.

The exercises of the day started at 3.30 o'clock and were held in the gymnasium. The entertainment opened with a welcome song by the Misses Harriet Mulry, Helen Cox, Violet Twining, Mabel Williams, Ethel Brown and Mae Tracy. This was followed by a neatly constructed pantomime entitled "American Christmas," in which four of the students took part. The cast was as follows: Santa Claus, Miss Fannie Peabody; Mother, Miss Edna Holt; Children, Misses Nettie Washburn, Nettie Greenleaf.

This was followed by a chorus entitled "A German Christmas," in which Misses Tenney, Twining, Williams, Staples, Radden and Duffy took part. The closing chorus was entitled "Rag Muffins," the participants being the Misses Jennie Staples, Clara Duffy, Alice Seward and Bessie Kimball.

Following the entertainment dancing was enjoyed, following which refreshments were served by the young ladies. Miss Blanche Dodge was chairman of the refreshment committee and Miss Mary Cassidy was chairman of the entertainment committee. The decorations were carried out under the direction of Miss Clara Copp.

Lowell souvenir postal cards at Lawler's.

HIS WAR RECORD

PROBABLY SAVED CUSHING FROM ELECTRIC CHAIR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—William Cushing, who served under Admiral Dewey on the flagship Olympia at the battle of Manila, was convicted of murder in the second degree in the supreme court yesterday. Next Wednesday he will be sentenced to prison for life.

Cushing killed his wife. He said on the witness stand that he did not recall having committed the crime.

He told his experience at Manila. During the battle until the admiral suspended the fighting for breakfast, he was in the fireroom 20 feet below the waterline. The heat in the fireroom was so exhausting that he was relieved and sent to the magazine to pass powder and shell.

"While in the magazine I was struck in the head with a bag of powder weighing 113 pounds, which fell through the hatchway," he said.

His war record probably saved his life.

Any book not in stock cheerfully ordered at Lawler's.

LEATHER WORKERS

HELD THEIR ANNUAL PARTY LAST EVENING.

A successful dance was held in Associate hall last night under the auspices of the Amalgamated Leather Workers' union. This was the sixth social conducted by the union and proved to be far in excess of the previous ones, both financially and socially, the attendance also was very gratifying. Music for dancing was furnished by Kittredge's singing orchestra.

The success of the party was due to the zealous and untiring work of the following corps of officers: General manager, James F. Gilligan; assistant, Michael McMullin; floor director, Frank H. McGlone; assistant, George Lamtagne; chief aid, Albert J. Dinglin; aids, Bernard Tracy, James Connors, Manuel Nitto, Odie Miron, America Oliver, William Hartley, Philip Lynch, George Rogers, John Gleason, James Carney, Charles Riley, Fred Buckley; reception committee, Patrick Reagan, chairman; John White, John Corey, Timothy Wheley, William Moscan, Arthur Novel, William Campbell, Joseph Plant, Peter Perreault, George Tracy, secretary.

NORTH BILLERICA.

A pleasant birthday party was held at the home of Postmaster Charles Maxwell Wednesday evening in honor of the 19th birthday of Miss Florence, a daughter of Mr. Maxwell. The affair was attended by about 50 friends of the young lady, including a number from Lowell. In behalf of those present Miss Florence Bradley presented Miss Maxwell a beautiful gold bracelet. During the evening refreshments were served and a fine literary and musical program was carried out.

North Billerica Council, R. A., met in regular session Wednesday night and six applications for membership were received. The installation of the newly elected officers will take place at the first meeting held next month.

The semi-annual election of officers of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence society will be held Tuesday evening

Lowell, Friday, December 18, 1903

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

THE HAPPINESS OF THE YULETIDE-GIVING

THE atmosphere of good cheer prevails in this big store and surrounded with the laurel and holly we are reminded that Christmas must be near at hand. Forgetfullness of self is the key to happiness—the secret of the season's good cheer.

But the glad day of giving is "just around the corner." One week from today and it is here. Be ready. Remember everyone you can if even with a small remembrance.

This is the Christmas store. Here under one roof you may select all your gifts, for here are thirty-four stores in one, selling nearly everything for wear, or for the home.

We Shall Give Double Dark Blue Trading Stamps All Day Tomorrow

The interest shown in the contest for the Silver Service—to be given to the person collecting the largest number of Stamps at this store before Thursday, December 24th, (at noon) has grown to such an extent that we have decided to give DOUBLE STAMPS TOMORROW, ALL DAY.

Today it will be as usual—Double Stamps in the forenoon, up to 1 o'clock; Single Stamps in the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

35 feet of counter space devoted to Handkerchief selling and more people to serve you than ever. We doubt if any two stores in town have so many Handkerchiefs. We know that ours are the best for the money.

FOR MEN.

All Linen, hemstitched, ¼, ½, and 1 inch hems.
12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c, 38c, 50c and 75c

Linen tape bordered.
12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c

Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c each. Six in a fancy box for only.....$1.25

A better grade at..... 50c

Unlaundered Initials, only 12½c Each

Cotton Handkerchiefs, plain white and colored border, only.....5c Each

FOR WOMEN.

All linen, hemstitched, ⅛, ¼ and ½ in. hems....12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c, 38c, 50c

Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c. Six in a box for.....$1.35

Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs for .....12½c and 25c

Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 25c, 38c, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 $2.00 and up.

Lace Trimmed Linen Handkerchiefs, from .....25c to $10.00

CHILDREN'S.

Initial Handkerchiefs, three in a fancy box.....25c Each

Japanese Silk Initials....25c and 50c

Japanese Hemstitched Silk Kerchiefs, ¼, ½ and 1 in. hems,
29c, 39c, 50c, 75c and $1.00

East Section—Centre Aisle.

FOR THE LITTLE TOTS

Christmas things that will cause many a new laugh and smile.

Knit Leggings—never had colored Leggings before. Here are blue, brown and red to match the coats..$1.00 Each

Angora Bonnets.....$1.75 Each

Silk Bonnets, trimmed with lace and ribbons.....50c to $3.50

Pretty ones in light blue and pink, trimmed with mousselin de soie and ribbon, for..... $3.50

The Arnold knit goods make serviceable gifts. Dainty little wrappers of pink and blue striped material, edged with ribbon.....50c Each

Bath Aprons..... $1.00

Bedroom Slippers.....25c Pair

East Section—Second Floor.

THE BOOK STORE

We're calling attention to some very handsome gift books that are quite inexpensive.

For 19 Cents

A series of dainty volumes, bound in half white vellum, illuminated sides, in gold and colors and numerous illustrations.

The Silver Buckle.
Dickens' Children's Stories.
The Children's Shakespeare.
Young Robin Hood.
Honor Bright.
The Voyage of Mary Adair.
The Kingfisher's Egg.
Tattine.
The Doings of a Dear Little Couple.
Our Soldier Boy.
The Little Skipper.
Little Gervaise.
The Christmas Fairy.
Regular price 29c.

For 25 Cents

Illustrated devotional series religious literature, illuminated title page, full white vellum, designs in gold and colors:

Bible Birth Books.
The Changed Cross.
Christian Living.
Coming to Christ.
Daily Food.
The Day Breaketh.
Evening Thoughts.
Kept for the Master's Use.
Line Upon Line.
Morning Thoughts.
My King and His Services.
Deep of Day.
Precept Upon Precept.
Steps Into the Blessed Life.
These are usually 35c.

For 25 Cents

The Good Times Series, printed on choice paper, profusely illustrated, illuminated covers:

Under the Stars.
Story of the Robins.
Jackanapes.
Christmas Stockings.
Laddie.
Making a Start.
Story of a Donkey.
Blue Grass Beauty, etc.
Usually 35c for these.

Palmer Street, Centre Aisle.

TEA AND COFFEE

85c — 5 lbs. Sugar, 1 pound Tea, 1 pound Coffee. — 85c

This is our Saturday special; it's a good one.

Merrimack Street, Basement.

IN SOLID SILVER

Here's a special Brush and Comb Set, neatly boxed, only.....$1.98
Bonnet Brushes.....98c, $1.25
Cloth Brushes $1.50, $4.50
Hair Brushes .....$1.50 to $5.00
Whisk Brooms.....50c to $1.75
Military Brushes .....$2.25 to $4.50
Mirrors .....$2.25 to $10.00
Flasks $3.50
Pen Racks .....98c to $1.25
Blotters ..... 50c to $1.50
Inks ..... 50c to $1.50
Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon $2.25 and $3.00 a Set
Children's Drinking Cups $2.25 to $3.00
Bag-tags, Pencil-holders, Emerys, Tape Measures, Thimble Cases, Glove Menders, etc.
Porcelain Toilet Sets.
Brush, Comb and Mirror, boxed, Only $1.25

West Section, Right Aisle.

Again We Say to You, Watch for the Special Stamp Offers

HERE'S A HOLIDAY ONE FOR TODAY

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS

TODAY YOU MAY CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BEST STOCKS OF UMBRELLAS IN NEW ENGLAND, AND PURCHASING ONE—NO MATTER WHAT PRICE—RECEIVE $4.00 WORTH OF EXTRA TRADING STAMPS.

Here are Men's Umbrellas any price you wish, from 98c to $15.00. All styles from the heavy 9-rib fellows to the trappy London clubs. Big swagger handles or modest ones, and any kind of a covering that you wish.

Ladies' Umbrellas, made for service as well as jaunty looking. Some with long ribbons and heavy tassels, others of the mannish sort. Genteel looking handles of pearl, gun metal, burnt ivory, or horn; gold or silver trimmed.

Thin silks that roll almost into the stick or heavier weaves that are sure enough "rain shedders".....98c to $15.00

Children's Umbrellas, pretty and good for wear.....50c to $1.50

We engrave our Umbrellas free and give you a neat box for the Ladies' Umbrellas costing $2.00 or over.

Merrimack Street—Centre Tables.

A SATURDAY STAMP SPECIAL FROM THE

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SECTION

From one woman to another. A pretty article of Lingerie.

WE ANNOUNCE EXTRA GOOD VALUES IN PRETTY MUSLIN UNDERSKIRTS AND WITH EACH PURCHASE WE'LL GIVE $4.00 WORTH OF EXTRA STAMPS.

FOR 98c—Muslin Underskirts, umbrella patterns, full ruffle, open embroideries and tucks, regular price $1.98.

FOR $1.49—Umbrella Skirts trimmed with wide ruffle of Point de Paris lace with two rows of insertion. Regular price $2.50.

FOR $1.98—Pretty Skirts, umbrella, ruffles trimmed with four rows of insertion and wide lace edge; five different patterns of wide embroideries, open and blind patterns; regular price $2.98.

FOR $2.49—Five different styles of the most beautiful laces and embroideries, unusually full and pretty. These skirts are worth $3.50.

FOR $3.98—A grand model Underskirt made of the finest lawn, trimmed with fine imported French point lace, serpentine appliques; regular price $6.00.

As we shall give double Stamps all day Saturday these bargains are exceptionally worthy.

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

APRONS

Time was when the ladies fashioned Christmas aprons themselves; chose the material with great care, and were particular about the trimmings. Here are aprons just as good with all the care put into them, but by someone else who perhaps knows even better. Come here for your Christmas aprons. White Lawn Aprons, tucked, hemstitched and hamburg trimmed, from
25c to $2.00 Each

Nurses' and Waitresses' Aprons, tucked, hemstitched and hamburg trimmed bretteis, from 25c to $1.50

Afternoon or Tea Aprons, lace trimmed and hamburg ruffles, from
25c to $2.50

East Section—Centre Aisle.

A SPECIAL SALE OF

WINTER CAPS

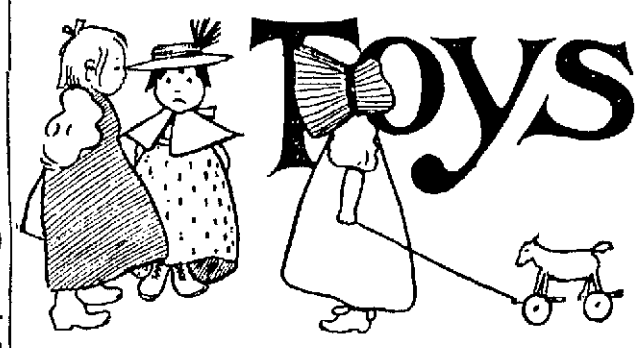
FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Good warm Caps for men that at regular prices are 75c, $1.00 and $1.50, for only.....35c Each

Samples from a big manufacturer, made from rough and smooth materials in all the new styles, well made with good linings. The boys' Caps are the 25c, 50c and 75c sort, only .....15c Each

The kind of head coverings to wear these cold December days. If you want on, better come today.

Palmer Street—Basement.



Toys

Toydom is crowded this year, although we've given it more space. Such a collection of instructive, as well as amusing, creations has never before been seen in this section of the county. Big boys and little boys, girls, too, will find this big toy basement of ours the most interesting place in Lowell.

Unbreakable Iron Toys

Stronger and better put together this year than ever before. Railroad Trains, Fire Departments, Police and Fire Patrols, Ice Wagons, Coal Wagons, Milk Wagons, Dump Carts, Pony and Donkey Carts, Automobiles, Electric Cars, from ..... 10c to $2.00 each

See the Friction Toys. No winding. Up hill or down hill, it's just the same. Autos, Engines and Hook and Ladder Trucks .....50c and $1.00

Mechanical Toys

With springs that cannnnot get out of order.

Fire Patrols, Autos, Cabs..... $1.00 and $1.25

Railroads, complete with switches and everything else, 3 sizes
50c, $1.00 and $2.00

See the Bucking Donkeys, the Boy on Stilts, the Chinese Carriage
29c, 39c, 50c

And a host of others.

The Whirba-Mobile, a great circus trick reproduced as a toy..25c and 50c

Spring Steam Boats that go in the water, substahtially built, two sizes
$1.00 and $1.50

The Humpty Dumpty Circus is the funniest toy yet produced. There's a clown and the elephant.

A trick donkey and the queer things they'll do for you. "More'n worth the price of admission."

Wooden Toys

Under this head come sleds for boys and girls, from.....25c to $2.00 each

Chairs and Rockers for the little folks, from..... 25c to $2.00

Nursery and High Chairs, in plain and walnut finish, at.....50c and $1.00

Doll Carriages and Go-Carts..... 25c to $5.00

Doll's Saratoga Trunks..... 10c to $2.00

Noah's Arks, Fire Stations, Doll Houses, Stables, Kitchens, with characters and animals..... 10c to $3 each

Rocking Horses, Swing Horses, Shoo Flies, from.....50c to $12.50 each

Specials at ..... 75c, $3 and $4

Children's Desks, roll tops and drop fronts, perfect reproductions of the "old folks' ones,"..... 89c, $1.19 up to $3.98

Revolving Chairs ..... $1 each

Black Boards with charts, alphabets, etc., 6 sizes, from...25c to $1.50 each

Pianos of good accurate tune and well pitched, from.....25c to $6.00

Piano Stools..... 25c and 50c

Drums, with heads that will stand a lot of banging.....25c to $2.00

Magic Lanterns of our own importation, with reliable lenses and good slides, in a big assortment..... 25c to $5.00

Tool Chests

The pride and joy of any real boy. Ours come direct from the manufacturers, and we're sure that the boxes are better made and the tools of a worthy sort ..... 25c to $2.00

See the Games—Pit is the most popular, and there are hundreds of others here which are interesting and instructive, from .....10c to $1.00

For the Tree—There's a most extensive showing of the tree trimmings that make the shimmer and sheen of Christmas morn. Tinsel, both gold and silver, trimmed pictures, candles and candle-holders. All next to nothing in price.

Merrimack Street—Basement.

LARGE ICEBERGS

Threaten to Block the Northern Coast

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 18.—Advices from the northern coast report intense frosts. The bays are frozen and mighty icebergs are drifting south, threatening to block the coast. In several harbors vessels are gripped in the ice and will be compelled to remain until spring. Within a week navigation will be closed throughout the eastern seaboard. Belle Isle strait is choked with ice and all shipping has ceased to move.

Copyrighted standard books, 50 cents. Lawler's.

GENTLEMAN ROBBER

PARDONED FROM JOILET PRISON YESTERDAY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—James Dunlap, the "gentleman bank robber," famed as one of the cleverest men at his calling in the world, is again at large. Word was received at police headquarters yesterday from Joilet to the effect that through clemency of the pardoning board the noted criminal had been given his freedom. Dunlap was serving time for a bank robbery at Montmouth, Ill., which occurred two years ago. His criminal record extends back a score of years or more.

BRYAN IN MOSCOW.

MOSCOW, Dec. 18.—William J. Bryan arrived here yesterday and went to visit Count Tolstoi. Mr. Byran will proceed to St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.

TWO ROBBERS

HELD UP SOMERVILLE MAN AT WALTHAM.

WALTHAM, Dec. 18.—Louis King, an employe of the Davis & Farnum's foundry, claims that he was the victim of an attempted holdup shortly after 6 last evening on the B. & M. tracks in the vicinity of the foundry.

The case was not reported to the police, but this oversight may be due to the fact that King lives in Somerville, and went to his home immediately after the affair happened.

According to the story of other employes of the foundry, King quit work about 5 and started across lots to the Bleachery railroad station for his train. He had just reached the railroad tracks when two masked men jumped from the side of the track and ordered him to throw up his hands and give them his money.

King succeeded in breaking away from his assailants, ran back to the foundry and told what happened.

He was greatly excited and could barely speak. A number of his fellow-workers went to the scene of the attack, but could find no trace of the alleged robbers.

Yesterday was pay day at the foundry, and it is believed that this fact was known to the men that made the assault. The police made what investigation they could last night, but are waiting until tomorrow morning to see King and get his version of the affair.

Anything to beat Grant. Come and see the special prices on Xmas gifts at the Merrimack—it's done to offset the fever on stamps. Look at the value we give you in comparison with the value you get with stamps.

Episcopal prayer books and bibles. Lawler's.

Military Dance at the Armory tonight.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

And will help make it a happy one if you call at either of our stores, Middlesex street or corner of Gorham and Winter streets, where you will find a large stock of Men's, Youths' and Children's Clothing, Boots, Shoes, and furnishing goods suitable for Christmas Presents. Our goods are always the lowest priced and best in the city for the money. We will also give every customer a beautiful 1904 Calendar free. The Calendar is a work of art and has a beautiful photograph of the famous dog Bess and her little family.

Be sure and call at

254 Middlesex St. OR

COR. GORHAM AND WINTER STREETS

JOE STEINBURG, Proprietor

...The Best Ever for Xmas Gifts...

Fine Furs

New Fur Boas,
New Fur Scarfs,
New Fur Muffs,

EITHER FLAT OR ROUND.

A Few Styles and Kinds From Our Immense Stock

Sable Fox Scarfs.....$7.50 to $30.00	Misses' Ith. Blue Fox Sets....$5.00
Isabella Fox Scarfs...$7.50 to $30.00	Misses' Sable Fox Sets.....$5.00
Sable Fox Muffs.....$7.50 to $22.50	Misses' Squirrel Sets $7.50
Isabella Fox Muffs ...$7.50 to $20.00	Misses' White Mouffion Sets...$8.98
Mink Scarfs.....$7.50 to $20.00	Misses' Blue Mouffion Sets....$8.98
Marten Scarfs.....$7.50 to $25.00	Misses' River Mink Sets.....$5.00
Sable Opossum Muffs $5.00 to $ 8.75	Misses' Blended Mink Sets $5.98
Electric Seal Muffs...$2.98 to $ 5.00	Children's Hare Sets.....75
Raccoon Muffs.....$5.00 to $15.00	Children's White Lamb Sets $1.25 to $2.00
Marten Muffs.....$8.98 to $20.00	Children's White Angora Sets $1.50 to $2.50
Squirrel Muffs.....$8.50 to $12.00	Electric Coats.....$17.50
Brown Bear Boas....$10.00 to $35.00	Nearseal Coats.....$25.00 to $45.00
Misses' Lambs' Wool Sets....$ 4.00	
Misses' Silver Hare Sets.....$ 5.00	
Misses' Im. Ermine Sets.....$ 6.00	

New Rain Coats $10, $13.50, $15.00
New Feather Boas $7.50, $10.90, $17.50

Special Xmas Sale Now Going On

The Best Trading Stamps (S. H. Green) Given

Chris Holmes' Specialty Store, 124 and 126 Mer'k St.

USEFUL, ATTRACTIVE, ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE

Everybody admires fine footwear, and everybody tries to have it in one form or another. There is nothing you can give at this season that is so sure of appreciation. Don't let the matter of size trouble you; we shall be pleased to adjust all differences in the week following Christmas and can guarantee a perfect fit and satisfaction. Our stock embraces everything in the way of footwear for young and old from the daintiest slipper to a hip rubber boot.

Burbank & Comp'y

32 CENTRAL ST.

WE GIVE TRADING STAMPS

WITH CROWBARS

JOHN JOSEPH BANIGAN MARCHED ON STRONG BOX.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 18.—The millions left by Joseph Banigan have clashed in a legal fight which promises to become one of the most interesting ever heard in this state, and all over the efforts of relatives of millionaire John Joseph Banigan to place him under the restraint of a guardian.

The initial steps against Mr. Banigan were taken in the probate court here a few days ago. Mr. Banigan appeared at the Hospital Trust company yesterday and attempted to go to his safe deposit box, but was not permitted to do so. His attorney, John W. Hogan, issued orders to secure a sheriff's posse and same crowbars, preparatory for a raid upon the big vaults of the safe deposit company.

The sheriffs appeared, headed by Deputy Coates, armed with a writ of replevin. Three stout men marched into the office of Lawyer Hogan with crowbars and a lot of jimmies and they were held in readiness. Sheriff Coates demanded that the vault be opened for the admittance of Mr. Banigan, and he displayed his writ and also notified Pres. Wells that he would call upon him if needs be for his assistance in breaking open the doors of the safe deposit vaults.

Mr. Banigan after great confusion secured his million or so in bonds and declared he would spend his last dollar in the guardianship contest. The proceedings in the Providence courts may fail, but they will be renewed in Westerly.

Genuine Chinaware at Oriental Bazaar.

Testaments and Hymnals. Lawler's.

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

It is a pleasant announcement to make that at the second recital next Sunday, Schuecker, the exquisite harpist from the Boston Symphony orchestra will appear. Everybody likes Schuecker; he is no stranger to Lowell. What any man or woman can do on a harp he can do as well and usually a little better. He needs no advance advertising. While Schuecker would be regarded by most people as a fair exchange for Maud MacCarthy, the violinist who has canceled her engagement for the present, it has been decided to give an additional pleasure to the patrons of the Orchestral society by presenting also Miss Lucia Tucker of Boston, the well known contralto of Boston musical circles. She will be remembered with pleasure by those who heard her some years ago in Odd Fellows hall, as a beautiful woman whose efforts electrified the audience. As another announcement Miss Mary Howe, the nightingale of America, the great favorite of Lowell audiences, has been engaged for the third recital, Jan. 21. With these attractions and others previously announced and some not yet announced, people will make no mistake in securing honorary tickets for the remaining five recitals. Some excellent reserved seats still remain which can be obtained at Austin's. The regular sale of recital tickets is now open at the same place.

Oriental Bazaar's ad. on last page.

TURNED HIS BACK

SENATOR HOAR REFUSED TO SHAKE HANDS WITH SCOTT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Senator Mitchell of Oregon and Editor Harvey Scott of the Portland Oregonian got on the senate elevator in the sub-basement yesterday.

When they reached the basement floor Senator Hoar of Massachusetts entered. Senator Mitchell introduced Mr. Scott to Senator Hear in a pretty little speech. Mr. Scott put out his hand to shake hands.

Senator Hoar put his hands behind his back. Both Scott and Mitchell were much surprised and looked inquiringly at Senator Hoar, who said:

"You notice I did not shake hands with you."

"Yes," said Scott, "and why?"

"Because your paper said some years ago that Senator Murrill of Vermont was staying alive merely to save funeral expenses."

Scott didn't know whether to laugh or get indignant. He said:

"Of course that statement may have been printed in my paper, but I have no recollection of it. I had a man from Vermont working on the paper once, and he may have written it, but I do not remember it."

"You are responsible for what appears in your paper, are you not?" inquired Senator Hoar very seriously.

"Yes, sir," Scott replied.

"Well, sir, then I shall not shake hands with you."

"Very well," said Scott, "I shall turn my back on you."

He did, and the elevator went up in an atmosphere so cold that frost gathered on the bronze work.

Books bound in burnt leather, a novelty. Lawler's.

GINTER GROCERY.

We wish everybody a merry Christmas, and we are certainly doing all in our power to make it so. What would Christmas be without a well spread table of all the good things of this world, and we have them in great abundance. A visit to our store would reveal the fact that a better display of first-class groceries would be hard to find. The store is beautifully trimmed with festoons of holly which give a very attractive appearance. Several clerks are in attendance to wait on the endless number of patrons, and Mr. Cuzner, who is the manager of the store, is certainly the right man in the right place. When you are looking for the lowest prices in groceries do not fail to place an order with the Ginter Grocery Co. As well as giving you more for your money than any other store in town we also give trading stamps. The people of Lowell and vicinity are cordially invited to call and inspect our goods whether they desire to buy or not.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Merrimacks defeated the Concords last night by a score of 1172 to 1109, the game being close and exciting all through. The winners led by nine pins on the first string, but lost the second string by 23 pins, but a Garrison finish on the third string landed the string for the Merrimacks by 17 pins.

Currier with 246 was the high man while Lynch made the highest single string, 91. The game was won by a spare in the last box by Mahon. The score:

Merrimacks—A. E. Richardson 239, A. L. Richardson 220, McDonald 244, Singleton 234, Mahon 235; totals 1172.

Concords—Stearns 232, Currier 246, Lyons 242, Perrin 238, Michaud 211; totals 1109.

The Rumblers made the Big Five look like 30 cents on Les Miserables alleys last night, the former defeating the latter by 99 pins. The score:

Rumblers—Smith 219, Clayton 256, Marsden 282, Rigby 263, J. Simpson 260; totals 1210.

Big Five—Livingston 206, Slavin 228, McGreavy 222, A. Simpson 226, Ambrose 229; totals 1111.

STILES ON TRIAL

HE IS ACCUSED OF MUTILATING HORSES.

SALEM, Dec. 18.—Fred Stiles was placed on trial in the first district court yesterday, charged with mutilating several horses in Danvers and Peabody on the night of Oct. 30. There were six complaints against him, three for breaking and entering the barns of Benjamin W. Perry and John F. Wheelock in Danvers and Daniel H. Flint in Peabody, and three complaints for mutilating horses owned by Perry, Wheelock and Flint.

Benjamin W. Perry, 205 Maple street, Danvers, testified to finding his horse mutilated. The animal's ears were cut and the hair hacked from his tail. He and Stiles, he said, had not spoken for some time.

John F. Wheelock of Pine street, Danvers, testified to the mutilation of his horse. Daniel H. Flint of Goodell street, West Peabody, told of similar work done to a horse owned by him.

Chief of Police Joseph Merrill of Danvers testified to finding a bloodstained saddle, bridle, blanket, overalls and towel in the barn of W. K. Bigelow in Danvers. Stiles had denied that he had used them on expeditions to mutilate animals. He had been told by Mr. Bigelow and J. M. Sanborn that Stiles had killed two chickens and that this would account for the bloodstains.

Dr. Charles Harrington of the Harvard medical school testified that the stains found on the harness and clothing were not those of chicken blood, but resembled that from a horse.

Chief of Police Michael H. Grady of Peabody testified to investigating the mutilation of Mr. Flint's horse and his suspicion of Stiles.

Arthur M. Peabody, who lives on the Andover turnpike, near Pope lane, in Danvers, testified that about 1.45 a. m. Oct. 31, he heard his mother talking to some one at the front door. He looked out of the window and saw a man whom he afterward identified as Stiles. He was asking the way to Danvers, saying he was from Boston, and had lost his way. On cross examination he admitted that he identified Stiles by the latter's voice alone.

The case was submitted to the court without argument. Judge Holden reserved his decision until Saturday.

Fancy ink stands and desk novelties. Lawler's.

SENATOR INDICTED

GRAND JURY RETURNED TRUE BILL AGAINST DIETRICH.

OMAHA, Dec. 18.—The U. S. grand jury yesterday made its report to the court, returning 19 true bills. These include indictments against U. S. Senator Charles H. Dietrich for alleged illegal leasing of a building to the government to be used as a postoffice; Ex-Adjt. Gen. Leonard W. Colby, for the alleged embezzlement of government funds; Daniel Gaines of Bassett, Neb., for alleged perjury in swearing falsely to homestead entries; Ex-State Senator Elliott Lowe for alleged conspiracy to bribe U. S. Senator and Postmaster John S. Mitchell of Alma, charging illegal sale of postage stamps.

The indictments against Senator Dietrich and State Senator Lowe are in addition to those returned against them a week ago.

FOR ALLEGED LARCENY.

Inspector Maher and Officer Peter Cawley yesterday afternoon arrested Marie Louise Duchain, 19, on a warrant charging her with the larceny of a coat valued at $25, the property of Mary L. McGee.

WILL MAKE PROPOSITION.

At a meeting of the creditors of H. B. Shattuck & Son to be held in the law office of Burke & Corbett, this afternoon a proposition will be made to the creditors.

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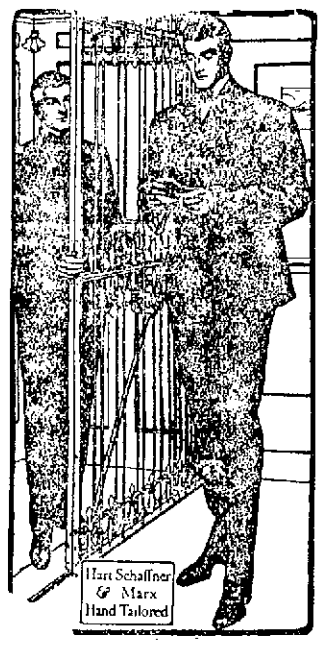
Men's and Young Men's Overcoats

Long Coats, Short Coats, Full Box Coats, Belted Coats, all styles of make and fabric, marked down for this sale.

$10 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	7.75
$12 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	8.75
$15 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	9.75
$15 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	12.75
$18 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	12.75
$18 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	14.75
$20 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	14.75
$22 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	16.50
$25 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	19.50
$30 Men's and Young Men's Winter Overcoats on sale at	24.50



Men's and Young Men's Suits

All the Men's and Young Men's Suits in fancy mixtures in all styles, and at all prices from the cheapest to the best, to go at this time. You take your pick from our entire stock of new suits

$10 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	7.75
$12 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	8.75
$15 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	12.75
$18 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on Sale now at	14.75
$20 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	14.75
$22 Men's and Young Men's Wintes Suits on sale now at	18.00
$25 Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits on sale now at	20.00

Boys' and Children's Overcoats

Every coat 3 to 16 years marked down, long or medium length, plain or belted back, all included in this sale.

$10.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 10 to 16 years, on sale now at	7.75
$8.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 10 to 16 years, on sale now at	6.50
$7.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years, on sale now at	5.75
$6.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years, on sale now at	4.75
$5.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years, on sale now at	4.25 and 3.75
$4.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 16 years on sale now at	3.50
$3.50 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 8 years, on sale now at	2.75
$3.00 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 8 years, on sale now at	2.25
$2.50 Boys' and Children's Overcoats, 3 to 8 years, on sale now at	2.00

Boys' and Children's Suits

In Sailors, Norfolk and Three-Piece style marked down for this sale. All sizes, 3 to 17 years, in a great variety of styles and patterns.

$5.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	3.25
$5.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	4.25
$6.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	4.50 and 4.75
$7.00 Three-Piece Suits, ages 10 to 17 years, on sale now at	5.75
$4.00 and $5.00 Norfolk Suits, ages 5 to 16 years, on sale now at	2.75
$3.00 and $3.50 Sailor Suits, ages 3 to 10 years, on sale now at	2.00
$4.00 and $5.00 Sailor Suits, ages 3 to 10 years, on sale now at	2.75
30 Vestee Suits, in ages 3 to 6 years, all fine suits and have sold at $4, $5 and $6, all now marked	2.00
20 Reefers and Long Overcoats, all in 3 and 4 yr sizes, fine little coats that sold at $4, $5, now mark'd	2.00

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6 O'CLOCK

IN CITY COUNCIL

Both Branches May Meet Next Tuesday

FATE OF DUMMER STREET LOAN

Will be Sealed for This Year

It is expected that both branches of the city government will meet on next Tuesday evening when the Dummer street extension will come up, though there is only a remote possibility that that order will get by one branch as there is determined opposition to it in both branches. Should it pass, the motion to reconsider at "the next meeting" will undoubtedly be forthcoming and the order thus killed, as far as this year's government is concerned, without giving the mayor a chance to commit either way in the matter, though his honor would quite likely veto it.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY

SILVERSTEIN PRESENTED FALSE PROOFS TO INSURANCE COMPANY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Samuel Silverstein, a clothing merchant, has pleaded guilty to the charge of presenting false proofs of loss to a fire insurance company, and Judge Cowing sentenced him to one year in the penitentiary.

Silverstein's confession a few days ago that he had presented the false proofs upon the advice of a public adjuster was the cause of an investigation which disclosed evidence of widespread irregularities among professional adjusters through which the fire insurance companies claim to have lost large sums.

STARTED FOR PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The second squadron of the second United States cavalry left Washington today for New York, whence they will embark on the transport Kilpatrick for the Philippines. Six other troops of the second cavalry from Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, will join the Washington contingent at New York.

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Challenge Milk.....3 cans 25c.
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Best canned Pears.....10c a can.
Best Corned Beef.....3c to 6c a lb.
Best Round Steak.....2 lbs. 25c
Best Rump Butts.....11c a lb.
Best Sirloin Steak.....12½c to 70c a lb.

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ALLEGED LARCENY

The Defendant a Pretty Brunette

BUT SHE HAD CIGARETTE STAINED FINGERS

Paid 75 Cents for a $25 Coat

Marie Louis Ducharme, a pretty brunette, was arraigned on a complaint charging her with the larceny of a coat, valued at $25, the property of Mary L. McGee. Marie Louise pleaded not guilty and said she was ready for trial. The complainant, recently discharged from a local hospital where she had undergone an operation, failed in her first attempt to tell the story of the coat. There were tears in her eyes when she was sworn and before she had fairly started with her story she was obliged to sit down on account of weakness.

The case was taken up a little later and she then told how Marie Louise got possession of the coat. Mary McGee's story was, in substance, as follows: "I met Marie Ducharme on the street. I was on my way home from the doctor's office and I was very weak. I had been out of the hospital only a few days. I asked Marie to help me to my room. I was too weak to climb the two flights of stairs alone. When we got in my room I went to bed. She asked me to loan her my coat and I refused. I had had morphine injected in my arm and I fell asleep almost as soon as I lay down. When I awoke my coat was gone and I found a $1 bill on the bureau. I did not have any money and I could not account for the bill. I thought it all over and came to the conclusion that she left it there and took the coat. She knew that the doctor had injected morphine in to my arm and I presume she thought she could make me believe that I sold her the coat. I want my coat, that's all I want." The complainant cried before she completed her story and because she acted as though she was very tired she was supplied with a chair and completed her testimony sitting instead of standing.

Marie Louise Ducharme was called and stepped to the witness stand at one, two, three time. She declared that she bought the coat from Mary L. McGee for 75 cents. She admitted that the garment was worth ten times that amount, "but," she said, "when people want the money they don't stop at the price." Marie Louise had witnesses who came to the front and swore that thy saw her pay Mary L. McGee 75 cents for the coat. The stories of all the witnesses didn't jibe just right and court made up his mind that there was something wrong.

Marie Louise posed as a very fine lady and indeed she was very fine to look upon. A little bit fleshy, for real beauty, but her mouth was almost perfect and she had teeth like pearls.

Her eyes were large and sympathetic and she had that peculiar kind of a Roman nose that lends great character to the face. Marie Louise was a beautiful witness and the spark of admiration flickered in the eye of the court. She told a story that reflected more or less credit upon herself and it remained for Lt. Donaldson to make a rude interruption. Marie's lovely eyes were fairly filled with the memory of her kindness to Mary McGee when the lieutenant held up his hand in a hushing manner and said: "Take off your gloves!" "What for?" asked Marie as she tugged at the black woolens.

When at length her hands were bare the tell tale color of cigarette stood out in bold relief on the middle of the index fingers, the lieutenant asked her if she smoked cigarettes.

"Certainly I do," replied Marie Louise, "the best women in the land smoke cigarettes."

The proceeding was a bit peculiar inasmuch as the color of the coffin nails on Marie's fingers didn't have anything to do with the case, but the disclosure of those stained fingers didn't do her a bit of good.

Judge Hadley decided that the complainant, the sick girl, had been taken advantage of and he believed that she should receive back her coat. He continued the case to tomorrow morning in order, he said, to give them a chance to settle it between themselves.

Peter Kallenas, charged with vagrancy, was sentenced to the Massachusetts reformatory.

FOR DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas Cassidy was before the court for the third time within a year and he was sentenced to the common jail for a term of four months. "I appeal," said Stub.

"You may think you are a subject for probation when you get to the upper court," said Judge Hadley, "but I doubt it. Order him in $200, Mr. Clerk."

Frank Canney was sentenced to 14 days in jail and John F. Cunningham was returned to the state farm.

Cold, Headache, Catarrh, relieved in 10 minutes.—Rev. W. H. Main, pastor of the Baptist Emmanuel church, Buffalo, gives strong testimony for and is a firm believer in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. He has tried many kinds of remedies without avail. After using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I was benefited at once," are his words. It is a wonderful remedy. One application relieves headache and cold. Sold by Falls & Burkinshaw.—13.

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CIVIC FEDERATION

REPORT OF THE WORK SUBMITTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The executive committee of the national civic federation met in executive session here today, Secretary Easley submitted a report of the entire work of the federation during the past year, which was heard and discussed.

The object, primarily, of the meeting today, was to outline the policy of the federation for the coming year and to consider the general industrial situation of the country.

Volney W. Foster of Chicago, at whose instance Senator Cullom's bill on the subject of arbitration has been introduced in congress, is scheduled to appear in the afternoon to present the measure before the committee for discussion.

REVOLVERS DRAWN

RIOT BARELY AVERTED AT THE MINERS' MEETING.

PUEBLO, Col., Dec. 18.—At a meeting held last night at which "Mother" Jones and President Moyer of the western federation of miners were the principal speakers, a riot was almost precipitated by a Cripple Creek miner named Donald McKenzie, who interrupted Moyer in his address, charging him with responsibility for the strike and the conditions at Cripple Creek. In the excitement which followed knives and revolvers were drawn but the prompt action on the part of the police and the cooler heads in the audience prevented bloodshed.

ERECTING BOOTHS

GERMANY AND MEXICO BEGIN WORLD'S FAIR WORK.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—German and Mexico are the first foreign governments to actually commence the installation of exhibits at the world's fair. These countries have commenced the erection of booths in the liberal arts, manufacturers and education buildings. Other countries have signified their intention of commencing operations in the exhibit buildings within the next few weeks.

The first shipments of plaster casts of the works of famous American sculptors have arrived and will be stored in the arts buildings until time to install them as exhibits in the hall of sculpture.

WAR RISKS ROSE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Russo-Japanese war risks at Lloyds rose about five per cent. today, twenty guineas per cent. being quoted to the end of January and 25 to the end of February. Ordinary insurance on a cargo to and from Japan rose about five per cent., with a fair amount of business. Japanese bonds declined on the stock exchange from three quarters to one point, but rallied and closed unchanged.

AMERICAN BOARD REPORT.

BOSTON, Dec. 18—The American board of foreign missions received today a report on Macedonian relief work from Rev. Lewis Bond, dated Monastir, Nov. 30. It states that he had received from London sources over $22,000. Relief work is carried on at eight distributing centres. The peasants of Castoria are suffering most from exposure to cold and the crying need there is bed covering. In one village of 120 families 55 persons died within a fortnight of pleurisy and pneumonia.

Mr. Brailsford, agent of the board, is meditating starting a hospital in Monastir. The Greeks have a fairly good hospital there, but they refuse to receive any but Greeks except at full price.

COD LIVER OIL DEARER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Shipments of good cod liver oil to this port are becoming so few as to cause much anxiety in medical and drug circles. Prices have reached record figures.

The principal cod fisheries are on the banks of Newfoundland and the coasts of New England and Norway. In the week of Dec. 21, 1901, the price of a barrel at this port for the Norwegian oil was from $21.50 to $24.50. The price is now from $105 to $130.

The cause of the scarcity is said to be the destruction of cod schools by the seals off the coast of Norway.

GEN. MERRIAM

ASKED TO EXPLAIN SOME STATEMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 — Secretary Root today requested Brig. Gen. H. C. Merriam, retired, to inform the department if he was quoted correctly in an alleged interview in Denver yesterday in which he is made to say that the president's appointment of Leonard Wood to be major general is generally unpopular with army men. And that such appointments tend to unsettle the army and injure its morals. The general was asked to make such explanation as he may deem proper.

MRS. CONVERSE BURIED.

MALDEN, Mass., Dec. 18—The business life of Malden was suspended today during the funeral services for the late Mrs. Mary Diana Converse, wife of Hon. Elisha S. Converse, the city's benefactor. The services were held at the Converse mansion and were attended by a large number of people, including Mayor Dean. The services were conducted by Rev. Charles H. Moss, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Francis H. Rowley of Boston, Rev. Henry O. Hiscox of Albany, N. Y., and Rev. Dr. Faunce, Sr., of Providence, R. I. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

EASTMAN CASE

Friends Rallying to the Banker's Support

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 18.—The friends of Albert H. Eastman, the Berlin banker, are rallying to his support and several of them are in this city, hoping that in some way they may be able to render him a service in connection with the proceedings now pending in the grand jury room of the United States district court where an indictment is being sought against him on a charge of making false entries in the books of the Berlin National bank.

A conservative financier of this city, Col. J. E. Pecker, who owns stock in several Eastman banks, expresses himself with positiveness as a believer in Mr. Eastman's innocence and in his business integrity, though he admits that the bank president has been a dashing operator. Men from Maine and from Massachusetts, also, are here as friends of Eastman.

It is presumed that the testimony of the National bank examiners will be of importance. Two of them are now here, Hon. E. H. Carroll of Warner, national bank examiner for New Hampshire, who made the examination on November 18th, which resulted in the present proceedings; and National Bank Examiner Ewer of Massachusetts, who made an examination last spring.

The grand jury resumed its sessions at 10 o'clock this morning, the ante rooms still being crowded with witnesses.

WM. BRYAN

HOPES TO HAVE AUDIENCE WITH THE CZAR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—William J. Bryan will arrive here Sunday. He hopes to have an audience of the Czar.

FLOWERS AND PLANTS

BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF ALL KINDS FROM THE GROWER.

The best and most satisfactory kind of flowers and plants to buy are those fresh from the grower. McManmon, the florist, grows thousands of all kinds in their season. Just now he has a beautiful lot of Azelea plants that always give so much satisfaction; Poinsettias, with the scarlet bloom, that are so appropriate at Christmas time. He also has a fine selection of Gloria De Lorraine, Begonias, Primroses and a beautiful variety of Carnations, Violets and Roses, together with a large assortment of spruce trees, evergreen, holly, mistletoe and bells for Christmas decorating.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to call and inspect his beautiful assortment at headquarters for fine flowers and plants of all kinds. - McManmon's, 6 Prescott street.

FRIARS NOT PLEASED

WITH THE AWARD FOR THEIR LANDS.

ROME, Dec. 18.—Considerable excitement prevailed in the mother houses of the Dominicans, Augustinians, Franciscans and Recollects over the announcement of the settlement of the Friars lands question in the Philippines. While the fact that a settlement had been arrived at was announced to the heads of the orders by the vatican, the orders learned from the Associated Press correspondent the price, $7,250,000 to be paid. The Friars were glad the negotiations had been concluded but they think the orders got little for the lands, as what they originally asked, $12,000,000, was, they declare, under the estimated value of the lands, the value of which had been much increased, especially since the American occupation of the Philippines and the re-establishment of order in the archipelago. The Friars claim the money they will receive is scarcely enough to pay what they borrowed when they were deprived of everything by the revolution. Besides, they point out that only part of the money will go to the Friars, as the lands were really transferred to private companies, although the Friars retained a large number of shares in them. The Augustinians had their lands transferred to a company formed in Madrid, by the Marquis Di Comillias, the head of the Spanish trans-Atlantic Navigation Co. The Dominicans succeeded in so thoroughly concealing their ownership of lands that the vatican itself threatened to punish them severely for having tried to deceive even the ecclesiastical authorities.

TO INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Stockholders of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston at a special meeting held today voted to increase the capital stock to 104,491 shares by issuing 9500 additional shares authorized by the gas commissioners July 10, 1903. The new stock will be issued to stockholders of record Dec. 18, 1903 at $200 per share and at the rate of one new share for every 10 old shares now held by them.

GONE TO PANAMA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—The navy department is informed that the gunboat Petrel left San Francisco yesterday for Acapulco on her way to Panama, where she will be assigned to patrol duty.

WILLARD ELECTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—The directors of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad met here today and elected Daniel Willard of the Erie road second vice president of the Burlington system, succeeding Howard Elliott, who recently became president of the Northern Pacific road.

VESSEL A TOTAL LOSS.

NASSAU, New Province, Dec. 18—The American auxiliary schooner yacht Hoamer of the New York Yacht club, P. C. Roome owner, became unmanageable during a recent gale, owing to the carrying away of her steering gear, and went ashore on Rum Cay. The vessel will prove a total loss. The crew of the Hoamer have arrived here.

The women's department of the Merrimack will save you money today on any article in our stock and give you better goods at that—but no stamps—it's yours to determine.

A LIVELY BLAZE

Threatened to Destroy Lincoln St. House

An alarm from box 34 at 6 19 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in a house in Lincoln street, belonging to the A. W. Dows estate. The fire, which was caused by tenants trying to thaw out the water pipes, at one time threatened to destroy the building, as the blaze had gained considerable headway before the department arrived.

When the tenants of the house awoke this morning they found that the water in the pipes was frozen. Going down stairs one of the men removed the wooden covering and started a fire under the pipe in an effort to thaw the water. The fire communicated with the woodwork around the pipe and going up the partition started a blaze in the roof. The extinguishers were used to good effect and after 10 or 15 minutes the fire was under control. T. C. Lee had the insurance on the building.

This is the time when many of the water pipes are frozen and in order to avoid fires Chief Hosmer advises people who want to thaw out pipes to use hot water instead of resorting to building fires or burning paper around the pipe, for the latter method is apt to result in the destruction of the building

WORCESTER CREDITORS

OFFER 50 CENTS ON DOLLAR OF RAILWAY'S DEBTS.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—In Boston financial circles there was much interest in a meeting here today of the creditors of the bankrupt Worcester and Southbridge and Worcester, Rochdale and Charlton Depot street railways. The meeting is the first that all the creditors have participated in. The Worcester county creditors came to Boston with a proposition that all creditors accept 50 cents on the dollar. There are outstanding $966,000 in secured notes, $100,000 in unsecured notes and $200,000 in unpaid bills. Boston banks and kindred interests, which hold about one third of the debt were not at all favorable to the Worcester plan. Some of the creditors propose a compromise that the failed company pay 30 cents on the dollar and 70 cents in securities of the reorganized property.

William E. Rice of Worcester made the offer of 50 cents on the dollar. He and his associates have $650,000 cash for which they stand ready to take a second mortgage, wipe out the floating indebtedness and assist in the reorganization. The roads went into the hands of the receivers nearly four months ago.

NOT AN ULTIMATUM

RUSSIA'S LATEST STATEMENT TO JAPAN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—The opinion here is that the Russo-Japanese negotiations will proceed. It is pointed out that there is no reason why Japan, if not satisfied with Russia's reply should break off the negotiations, as the reply is in no sense an ultimatum, leaving the way open for counter proposals. It is suggested, as an expedient, in case no agreement can be reached, that an arrangement might be made to maintain the present status for a number of years.

REQUEST DENIED

A. O. U. W. LODGES TURNED DOWN BY MASTER WORKMEN.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18.—A decision denying the request of members of 15 lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in Connecticut for a special meeting of the grand lodge to repeal the laws relating to assessments has been given by Hugh A. Keenan of this city, grand master workman. In the decision it is declared that the grand lodge of Connecticut, having adopted the new assessment rates, cannot now rescind its action without the consent of the supreme lodge.

DIAMOND BROKER

SKIPPED OUT AFTER DISPOSING OF JEWELS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Claims thus far aggregating $150,000 have been presented against Hyman Gattle, a diamond broker, who disappeared last July.

Bankruptcy proceedings brought against Gattle have disclosed, it is alleged, that he had procured from dealers in Amsterdam, Holland, Utica, N. Y., and this city, diamonds worth more than $200,000 on the memorandum plan and had pawned much of the goods. Pawn tickets showing a face value of $37,000 have thus far been found but it is said $30,000 worth of stones cannot be located.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS

AGREE TO VOTE AS A UNIT HEREAFTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—The agreement of the democratic caucus of the senate that hereafter the democratic senators shall vote as a unit on party questions has aroused so much interest that it has been thought worth while to give out the text of the resolution which was adopted by the caucus. It is as follows:

"That hereafter the decisions of the caucus when made by two-thirds majority shall be binding on all the members except when previous pledges have been made by senators to their constituents or instructions have been received from their state legislatures, or when a question of constitutional construction is involved."

HOW OLD IS ANN?

Go up and look at the windows of the women's department of the Merrimack. You can see her smiling pleasantly. Go inside and register your guess.

The person guessing the nearest the correct age, will receive merchandise to the value of $25 as they may select, the day after Christmas.

BODY FOUND IN WELL.

FISHKILL LANDING, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The body of Fannie C. Hall, employed in the home of Station Agent Underhill at Glenham, N. Y., was found in a well on his premises today. She had been missing since Monday.

FUNERALS

MURTHA—All that mortal of the late William Joseph Murtha was consigned its final resting place in St. Patrick's cemetery this morning, the funeral being largely attended by relatives and friends, including a delegation from Highland council, Royal Arcanum, of which deceased was a much esteemed member. The funeral took place from the home of the Misses Glode, cousins of deceased, No. 42 Pine Hill street at 8.30 and proceeded to St. Peter's church where a solemn mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock. Rev. Fr. Mullin was celebrant, Fr. Heffernan deacon, and Fr. McDermod sub-deacon. The choir, under the direction of Mr. James E. Donnelly, sang the Gregorian mass and at the offertory the "Pie Jesu" was rendered by Miss Mollie Ivers. At the conclusion Mr. Donnelly sang "Face to Face." Mrs. J. W. McKennedy presided at the organ.

The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, and included a large pillow inscribed "Our Willie," from cousins, Misses Mamie, Lizzie and Katie Glode; large pillow inscribed "Sleeping in the arms of Jesus," from cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Glode; wreath on base surmounted by white dove and inscribed "My Uncle Willie," from baby Glode; spray, from Aunt, Mrs. Catherine Murtha; floral design, from Highland Council, R. A., No. 979, V. M. C.; spray, from Mr. and Mrs. James Angelo; spray, from Mr. and Mrs. William Ashworth; spray, from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howarth.

The bearers were Felix D. Langevrin, John McVey, John Winn and William Riley representing Highland council, R. A., and Edward McHugh and Joseph Howarth. At the grave Rev. Fr. Mullin read the committal prayers, and the interment was under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

FITZGERALD—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald took place yesterday afternoon from the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons. At the grave Rev. Fr. Walsh of St. Patrick's church read the committal prayers. The bearers were William H., William E. and John A. Fitzgerald and Patrick Sullivan. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

HEDGES—The funeral of Margaret Hedges took place yesterday afternoon from the funeral parlors of John J. O'Connell & Co., Central street. Service was read at the Sacred Heart church over the body. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

BRYDON—The funeral of Thomas E. Brydon took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 1 Laughlin's court, off Fayette street, and burial was in the Catholic cemetery, in charge of Undertaker Molloy.

CHICAGO STABLES

ARE COMPLETELY TIED UP BY THE STRIKE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Sixteen hundred livery drivers, backed by every teamsters' union in Chicago, struck today. Nearly 400 livery stables are completely tied up. The decision to strike was reached last night after four weeks of negotiation for better wages and working conditions. The men have been receiving $12 a week of seven days. The demand is for an increase of $2 a week. More than a dozen meetings were held between committees representing the livery owners and the drivers' union, but the employers refused to make any concession, claiming that business did not warrant the paying of higher wages in view of the inroads made by automobiles.

GOING TO PHILIPPINES.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 18—The six troops of United States cavalry which have been stationed at Forth Ethan Allen for nearly two years left this city today by train for New York, whence they will sail on the transport Kilpatrick for the Philippines on Sunday. The troops were I, B, D, A, K and C, in command of Lieut. Col. Robert Schuyler.

The departure of the cavalry leaves at the fort the 43rd artillery, the permanent force. It is expected that the fifteenth United States cavalry, recently returned from the Philippines and assigned to Fort Ethan Allen, will arrive before long.

The Lowell Sun said yesterday editorially that the stamp people were getting rich in the stamp business—who is losing? Is it the merchants? Don't be so sure; the dear public—those are lambs born every minute. If you've got the fever keep right on—if you're wise try the merchant that don't give them—the Merrimack for example.

APPOINTED POSTMASTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Nathan Yeaton was today appointed fourth class postmaster at Gonic, N. H.

FOURTH STIRRING

Sale of Beaver Hats

THE LAST THREE WEEKS' SPLENDID SUCCESS TO BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER TRIUMPHANT EVENT TOMORROW.

We never had a better lot of fine Millinery than we will have tomorrow, with such wide range of style and material.

5 cases of untrimmed Beaver Hats direct from the factory in all colors and shapes, finest of French Beavers, for $1.75
200 beautiful trimmed Beavers, from .....$3.98 to $5.98
150 Ostrich Plumes, 20 inches long, regular $5.00; for this sale.....$2.50
500 Beautiful Trimmed Hats, regular $9.00 hats.....$3.98
Another lot $2.98
Another lot $1.98

Look at our show windows and see the beautiful trimmed hats for.... 98c
200 Trimmed Ready-to-wear Hats for tomorrow's sale..... 48c
Look in the bottom of the show window and see 48c. shapes, former price $1.75 to $1.98.
Pompons in all colors..... 25c
Violets .....10c and 25c
Roses in all colors..... 25c
Christmas suggestions—Beautiful lot of Fur Hats at very lowest of prices.

GREGOIRE'S

133 and 137 Merrimack Street

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Will be easy, if you will call in today, and look over the select assortments of pretty China and Bric-a-Brac on sale at Mrs. W. F. Courtney's, 206 Merrimack St., Lowell. China nicely arranged. Obliging and competent clerks. Reasonable prices. Fern Dishes for Table Decoration, Hungarian Vases, Odd Pieces in Table Ware, Punch Bowls, Chop Sets, Fish Sets, Odd Plates and fine French China. Also a fine selection of MORIAGE WARE from Japan. Come today, if you can.

GEORGE L. EMERSON, China Importer

Haverhill and Cottage City, Massachusetts.

Neuralgia

headache, and all other aches and pains in any part of the body, all yield to the marvelous efficacy of

Johnson's Anodyne LINIMENT

It cures all ailments arising from inflammation. Can be used internally as well as externally. A bottle of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment is a doctor's case in itself. Sold by all druggists. Price 25c; three times as much, 50c.

I. S. JOHNSON & CO.
232 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

A Barrel of Flour

Will make a nice CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

West End Brand **$5.25** Per Barrel

LOWELL COAL COMPANY

15 THORNDIKE STREET, 43 CENTRAL STREET.

THE SUN EXTRA

6 O'CLOCK

CAUSED A RIOT

Rizzi's Speech in the Socialist Hall

STARTED TROUBLE THAT CAUSED CORTI'S DEATH

The Prosecution Has Ended Its Case

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 18.—"Why should we wait for the lecturer? They are fakirs, they are priests; we should throw them out. We should break their heads."

This cry sent ringing through Socialist hall by Martin Rizzi, on the night of October 3, testified Caesar Bruzzi at the trial of Alexander Garetto today, was the direct cause of the riot which resulted in the death of Eli Corti. Angry mutterings and veiled threats had been heard in the hall earlier in the evening, said Bruzzi, but the first sign of open revolt followed Rizzi's cry of defiance. Trouble then followed quickly, ending in the general melle which cost Corti his life, and resulted in wounds and bruises for many of the participants. Bruzzi was the first witness put on by the defense.

The case of the prosecution was concluded soon after the opening of the morning session. The only testimony of particular importance offered by the prosecution before the close was that of Angelo Scampani, who testified regarding an ante mortem statement made by Corti. At the request of the officers, he said, he went to the hospital just before Corti died and had a brief talk with the wounded man. Corti told him, witness said, that Alexander Garetto shot him.

GENERAL REYES

INTENDS TO SUPPORT ALL HIS CONTENTIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Because of the determination of Gen. Reyes to support all the contentions he makes in his brief, that this government's isthmian policy was against precedent, by historical references as well as by high authorities of international law, the preparation of the paper is taking longer than was at first expected.

It was said today that it was not all certain when the note would be ready for transmission to the state department. Gen. Reyes is not in any haste to send it for this may be taken by the Colombians as the termination of their envoys mission here and the country might seize on the opportunity to make war, a contingency which Gen. Reyes has thus far used his utmost endeavor to prevent.

No cablegrams reached the Colombian legation over night. The legation officials are not inclined to pass upon the right of the Atlanta to reconnoitre on Colombian territory, but it is evident that in their opinion such action was not strictly in accordance with the best international etiquette.

Gen. Reyes is following with keen interest the canal debate in the senate. It was said today he had been profoundly impressed by the speech of Senator Hoar. Copies of the speech will be sent to Bogota for publication.

SENATOR HOAR

WANTS IMPROVEMENT IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—At the beginning of today's session of the senate Mr. Hoar offered a resolution instructing the committee on printing to ascertain whether it is not possible to have the congressional record printed in better type than at present and briefly addressed the senate on the subject, saying that it was very difficult to read it as now printed. The reading of the resolution brought out the fact that other senators find it difficult to read the record.

Mr. Gallinger thought that to increase the size of the type would be to increase the number of volumes, which would, he said, be an objection.

Mr. Bacon was of the opinion that the price of the publication to the public should be reduced.

Mr. Newlands suggested that there could be improvement in the printing of most government publications.

The resolution was agreed to.

IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—When the house convened today Mr. Wagner (Rep. Pa.) chairman of the committee on expenditures of the post office department, reported favorably the resolution authorizing that committee to request the postmaster general for papers in connection with the recent investigation of the post office department and asked for its immediate consideration.

Lowell Orchestral Society

THE SECOND RECITAL OCCURS

NEXT SUNDAY AT HUNTINGTON HALL

The Society will be assisted by

MR. HENRY SCHUECKER

The famous harpist from the Boston Symphony orchestra.

MISS LUCIE TUCKER

Contralto of Boston.

MISS MARY HOWE has been engaged for the third recital.

Reserved seats 25 and 50 cents, at Austin's, Friday. Honorary tickets for the balance of the season can also be had.

PARTIES

Visiting Boston can be accommodated with neat and cosy rooms by the day or week at moderate rates in most desirable location; privacy, quietness and undisturbed comfort guaranteed. Address or [illegible] street, telephone No. [illegible]

WILL WAGE WAR

Colombia to Fight for Rights

WILL ASK RECOGNITION OF TREATY

Or Submission of Case to Hague Court

PARIS, Dec. 18—The "United Colombian committee" here gave out a statement today saying that Colombia would first seek through a commission to induce the United States to recognize Colombia's rights under the treaty of 1846; second, if the commission fails Colombia will ask for the submission of the question to The Hague arbitration court; third, if its submission to The Hague court is refused, Colombia will go to war and rely on the Latin republics to come to her aid.

GRAY'S OPINION

Assessment Called by Receiver Stands

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 18.—Judge Gray, in the United States circuit court of appeals today handed down an opinion sustaining Judge Kirkpatrick, of the United States district court of New Jersey in the case of Harry C. Spinks and other stockholders who appealed against the payment of an assessment called by Receiver Henry C. Tatnall, of the Asphalt Co., of America.

Judge Kirkpatrick decided that the assessment was legal and Mr. Spinks and other stockholders took the case to the higher court which decided against them.

Holiday gifts at Oriental Bazaar.

LAWYERS' TILT

Enlivened the Shipbuilding Co. Hearing

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Only a few auditors were present when the hearing in the United States shipbuilding receivership proceedings was resumed here today, Mr. Untermeyer continuing his examination of Chas. B. Alexander of the firm of Alexander and Green. It is recognized by counsel that the hearing will extend well into next year Mr. Untermyer stating that he has a number of witnesses to call in addition to Messrs. Schwab, Pam, and John W. Young, before the defense begins to present its case.

The hearing opened with a tilt between Messrs. Guthrie and Untermyer, Mr. Guthrie rising to state for Mr. Alexander that none of the cablegrams which he sent from abroad during the summer of 1902 in regard to selling securities, referred to shipbuilding stock and that if Mr. Untermyer desired to "pry into Mr. Alexander's private business affairs" the cablegrams would be opened to his inspection. Mr. Untermyer resenting the phrase of the statement in sharp terms, and the examination then proceeded.

Mr. Untermyer asked if a cable message in code of July 28, 1902, directing the New York office to sell no rights on my "tomb" referred to shipbuilding stock, but Mr. Alexander insisted that shipbuilding stock was not "his tomb" and Mr. Guthrie augmented the merriment by asking how "tomb" was spelled.

The cablegram in question, over whose admission in evidence so strong a fight has been made, came to the knowledge of complainant's counsel through Mr. Dresser, but not in such a way that they could be used in evidence from that source. Mr. Alexander continued his tactics of declining to answer most questions about correspondence on the ground that it was privileged.

Mr. Alexander told at length of the connection of his firm and himself with the early attempts to form a shipbuilding concern, but parried successfully, most of Mr. Untermyer's attempts to obtain any important or sensational testimony about the final attempt.

Mr. Alexander did not consider that while in Paris he was trying to secure French underwriting.

He said that before leaving Paris he had told the French underwriters, from whom less than $50,000 was obtained, that their underwriting contracts could be enforced and had conferred with French attorneys to lay the grounds for a suit to enforce these contracts underwriting several millions dollars' worth of stock.

CRUDE FORGERY

Expert Testified at the Rogers Trial

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 18—Evidence that the strain of being on trial for more than a week on the charge of murdering her husband is gradually wearing down the courage of Mrs. Mary H. Rogers, was very apparent when the woman came into court today. After the trying ordeal of yesterday, when the defendant broke down completely, as she heard a witness tell of her husband's expressed hopes for the future in view of the expected reconciliation with his wife, Mrs. Rogers passed a restless night. This morning she arose tired and her haggard face when she came into the court made her seem years older then she did a week ago. Still, her interest in the proceedings was not lessened and she followed closely every move of counsel and witnesses.

Thomas W. Cantwell, the Albany banker, who was called by the prosecution as a handwriting expert yesterday, continued his testimony today. After a thorough examination of handwriting exhibits the witness said there was no doubt in his mind that the note purporting to be signed by Rogers which was found pinned to the dead man's hat was a forgery. While there was a slight similarity between the handwriting in the note and the admitted handwriting of Rogers, Cantwell said it was such an imitation as might be made by a school boy. It was forgery, without doubt, but exceedingly crude.

TWO ARRESTED

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL.

WESTERLY, R. I., Dec. 18—On the charge of assault with intent to kill Joseph Parkiday of Montville, Conn., on Nov. 26, local officers today arrested Alfonz Leday and Daniel Doleone at White Rock, R. I. The men were turned over to Connecticut officers and taken to Montville.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Mamie Lahiff of 5 Hancock avenue gave a very enjoyable birthday party to about 50 of her friends Wednesday night. Music and refreshments helped to pass away the time and the hostess was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents, among which was a beautiful gold bracelet.

X stands for Xmas, with bright, gladsome cheer
We welcome Old Santa Claus year after year
He drops down each chimney with nice gifts for each,
His present for Lowell is surely a peach.

An Illustrated Alphabet for Spindle City Readers

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of Jane M. Charters, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased:

Whereas, Georgiella Ritchie, executrix of the will of John P. Ritchie, who was the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first and final account of said John P. Ritchie's administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate court to be held at Cambridge, in said county, on the fifth day of January, A. D. 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said Georgiella Ritchie is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first judge of said court, this sixteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Ellen Walsh of Lowell, in said county, that she was lawfully married to Dennis Walsh, now of parts unknown, at Boston, in said commonwealth, on the twenty-fifth day of October, A. D. 1867, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Dennis Walsh lived together as husband and wife in this commonwealth, to wit, at said Boston and at said Lowell; that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said Dennis Walsh being wholly regardless of the same, at said Lowell on or about the twenty-second day of October, A. D., 1882, utterly deserted your libellant and has continued such desertion from said date to the date of the filing of this libel, being more than three years next prior to the filing hereof.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Dennis Walsh.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of October, A. D. 1903.

her
ELLEN X WALSH.
mark

Witness to mark, A. B. Tolman.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, November 27, A. D. 1903.

Upon the libel aforesaid it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our justices of said court, at Cambridge, in said county, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the last known residence of the libellee, that he may then and there shew cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest, THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

CASTO

AL. HAYNES, Manager.

ALL WEEK AFTERNOON AND EVENING **DEC. 14**

COURTHOPE and FORRESTER

Stieff pianos used exclusively.

Christmas Hints

With Prices Much Lower Than Where You Get

TRADING STAMPS

We have the newest patterns and latest importations in Holiday Goods ever seen. Fashion dictates that Roman Horn, Brazilian Redwood and Old Ivory are the leaders this year.

OUR RANGE OF PRICES ARE

Comb and Brush Sets.....69c to $2.35
Comb and Brush and Mirror Sets, $1.89 to $6.65
Manicure Sets............73c to $4.65
Combination Sets.......$2.69 to $14.65
Work Boxes for misses......33c to 65c
Mirrors ....29c to $2.75
Ward's Writing Paper.....19c to $1.45

Inkstands, Boys' Coin Purses, Misses' and Ladies' Purses, Collar, Cuff, Necktie, Glove, Handkerchief and Photograph Boxes all within your purse.

Perfumes, Atomizers and Sprinklers are always acceptable to the ladies.

A. W. Dows & Co.

TWO STORES

Cor. Merrimack and Central Sts., and 389 Central Street.

You can't expect to weave white satin with blackened hands, any more than you can expect good results from papers with a bogus circulation.

SPECIAL NOTICES

GORDON & BERGERON, dealers in jewelry, watches and diamonds on instalments, have opened an office at 44 Central street.

DOLLS—You will want one soon; we have a nice display; come in and get one; also double stamps given; prices low. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack St.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—A barber. Sun building.

WANTED—Drug clerk with three or four years experience. Address Drugs, Sun office.

FREE—Six pink China cups and saucers. Sell fifteen 10c packets perfume. D. Donald, box 543 Lowell.

WANTED—A first class collector; state experience, age and salary expected. Address box 20, Sun office.

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THREE GOOD HUSTLERS wanted; must be ambitious men; who will work for promotion; experience not necessary; salary and commission; come at once. Apply 13 Merrimack square, room 1.

WANTED—A girl 16 or 17 or middle-aged woman to assist in housework and care of children. Mrs. Snow, Tolman avenue, second house on left.

WANTED—Protestant girl for general housework. Apply to 239 Stevens street, just off Westford street.

FREE—Six handsomely decorated tea cups and saucers, also beautifully dressed dolls and watches, etc., for selling only 15 10c packages of perfumery. Lowell Perfume Co., box 594, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—At once, an experienced girl for housework in small family. Apply at 167 Sixth street, corner of Vernon.

WANTED—A cook for boarding house. Apply 812 Market street.

WANTED—1000 boys and girls to sell 20 waxing pads at 10c a package and receive a pair of club skates free of charge. Send name and address to Laundry Specialty Co., 38 Proctor street, South Framingham, Mass.

WANTED—A housekeeper, very little work. Apply Mr. Wilson, 37 Court street, Ayer City.

WANTED—Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 712 Suffolk street.

WANTED—Men everywhere; good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs etc.; no canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

WANTED

THIS FOR THAT—Trade anything you have for anything you want; get our gigantic paper that prints thousands of exchange ads; six months' trial subscription 10c; agents wanted. This for That Pub. Co., 1940 Star bldg., Chicago.

LADIES—When in need send for free trial of our never failing remedy; relief sure and quick. Paris Chemical Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

YOUNG MEN to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by board of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 34 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

WANTED—To borrow $200 on personal property, good security, at reasonable rate; no brokers. Address D. 3, Sun office.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 409, Lowell, Mass.

DRESSMAKER would like a few engagements by day or week or would take work home. Call between 7.30 and 9 p. m. 161 Warren street.

WANTED—Washing and ironing; first class work done by colored woman; taken home. Call at 101 Washington street.

YOUNG LADIES to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by boards of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 35 A. Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

WANTED—Sewing or repairing of all kinds; will go out by the day. Call or address 41 Cedar street.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A small sum of money on Merrimack street. Inquire at Sun office.

LOST—On Fletcher street, somewhere between the Middlesex street depot and Bowers street, a silver chain belt with heavy ornaments. The finder will be suitably rewarded on leaving the same at 452 Fletcher street.

FOUND—A pocketbook containing small sum of money. Owner can have by calling at 211 Church street.

LOST—Wednesday noon between 10th street and 444 Merrimack street, a German silver chatelaine bag containing small sum of money. Reward at 8 West 11th street.

FOUND—Gold locket. Owner can have by proving property and paying advertisement at this office.

LOST—A grey fur glove between Central and Market streets. Return to T. Gray, 19 Tolman avenue, and receive reward.

LOST—A side bag containing money, keys and other articles. Return to Sun office and receive reward.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Double house on Elm street, must go; terms easy. Call at once at 9 Elm street or lose it.

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 8500 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter street. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 241 Central street.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A Stein, 343 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office, (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants, and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers hall.

BUSINESS CHANCES

GREAT opportunity offered; $1000 for $150, $100 for $15. For particulars write American Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

YOU BUY BEST when you buy of the maker. Largest and best showing of Trunks, Bags, Suit Cases, Pocketbooks, Leather Novelties, etc., in Lowell. Repairing by practical trunk makers

P. F. DEVINE'S TRUNK STORE

88 MERRIMACK STREET, Lowell. Factory, 70-72 Middlesex street, Lowell. Branch, 440 Essex street, Lawrence. Tel.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—New range, open grate, chamber set, also other new furniture, cheap. 161 Warren street.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 438 Riverside street. Telephone 452-2.

FOR SALE—A lady wishes to sell some new silverware. Address C. J., Sun office.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Furnished boarding house full of boarders. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Culter, 694 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business; a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 69 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 153 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

SKATES—Hollow ground, 5c per pair. Morrison's Auto Co., 195-199 Moody street.

$5 GIVEN AWAY—$5 worth of trading stamps given away with 1 lb. of our best Baking Powder at 50c; $5 worth with one pound of any kind of our 50c or 60c Tea; $2 worth with one pound of our famous 35c Coffee; this tea and coffee is worthy of attention; they are the best ever offered for the money. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., 337 Thorndike street, Davis square.

WHITE SEWING MACHINES, 378 Bridge St.—The Automatic drop machine is King; it is a real eyeopener; we sell the Queen also; we repair all kinds of sewing machines; give us a call.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 30 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything is the latest.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

W. S. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 71 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 3 to 10 p. m.

MRS. FLETCHER, 769 Gorham street, trance business medium and card reader.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack Woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padien at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1054 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and second hand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hansen, Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT YOUR mattresses made over at your home call at 940 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year. Repairing a specialty. 281 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 200,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOTHERS—Rent's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Position by experienced stenographer; also knowledge of single entry. Address S., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation in private family or with doctor; will work reasonable for the winter. S. E. W., Sun office.

WANTED—By a young man, position as clerk in an office, with chance of advancement. Address Perseverance, Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by respectable young lady at housework in small family. Address A. R. A., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

WANTED—Situation at general housework in boarding house or for private family by capable and experienced young woman. Inquire Sun office.

TO LET

TO LET—Furnished room, private family, no other roomers. 15 Elm street.

TO LET—At 108 Butterfield street, furnished room with steam heat, bath and gas; lady preferred. Inquire at 106 Butterfield street.

TO LET—Small tenement on Hildreth street. Apply at Pike's market, Middlesex and Howard streets.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 961 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 634 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 335 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 15 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 942 Middlesex St.

TO LET—Stable. Inquire 66 Franklin street.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET—5, 6, 7-room tenements in good repair. 164 Lawrence street.

TO LET

Middlesex St., 3 rooms....................$8.50
Middlesex St., 3 rooms....................$7.00
Middlesex St., 3 rooms....................$7.50
Close to Northern Depot, 4 rooms......$8.50
Centralville, handy to mills, 3 rooms..$5.50
5 rooms, $6.60; 5 rooms....................$7.50
Concord St., 3 rooms......................$6.50
House and barn and 3 acres of land on Hildreth St. $12.50
Chelmsford St., cottage and barn.......$8.00

The above has been made extra snug and warm for the winter.

T. H. ELLIOTT, 64 Central Street.

GOV. TAFT

And Friars Reached an Agreement

ROME, Dec. 18.—Full particulars concerning the agreement reached Wednesday between Gov. Taft and the friars providing for the settlement of the friar land question in the Philippines, have not yet been received by the vatican authorities, only a mere announcement that such an agreement had been reached having been cabled from Manila. The news was brought to the pope and he seemed highly delighted, exclaiming "It is the best Christmas box I could have had."

The news was received with equal pleasure in the vatican circles.

In all quarters Gov. Taft and Archbishop Guidi are being warmly congratulated on their success in solving the most intricate of the questions entrusted to their diplomacy.

BUSHNELL BURIED

No Additional Defalcations Found

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18.—The officials of the Yale National bank announced last night they had found no additional evidence of defalcation on the part of Asa C. Bushnell, the cashier, who shot and killed himself Tuesday, and the amount remains practically $18,000.

The funeral of Mr. Bushnell was held last night at his late home, with Gen. E. S. Greeley, president of the bank, as master of ceremonies. Interment will be in Clinton today.

TEN CHINAMEN

LOST THEIR GUIDE AND WERE ARRESTED.

WHATCOM, Wash., Dec. 18.—Ten Chinese who had been deserted by their guide who piloted them across the boundary line into this country, were arrested yesterday as they made their way into this city in a famished and exhausted condition. They had spent Tuesday and Wednesday wandering around in the woods during a terrific downpour of rain. They will be ordered deported.

TORPEDO FLOTILLA

LEFT HAMPTON ROADS FOR KEY WEST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The second torpedo boat flotilla, consisting of the Truxton, Whipple, Worden, Lawrence and Stewart, left Hampton Roads yesterday under convoy of the battleship Texas, for Charleston, S. C., on their way to Key West, which will be their base of operations for the next few weeks.

DAVID SPRICE DEAD.

MAYWOOD, N. J., Dec. 18.—David Sprice, a distant relative of President Roosevelt, is dead at his home here, of apoplexy. He was a wealthy retired merchant and was 65 years old.

Constipation

Can be Cured

Don't Ruin Your System With Dangerous Drugs, Purgatives and Cathartics When a Safe, Sure and Simple Remedy is to be Had From Any Druggist.

If you are constipated you cannot be well—if you are not constipated there is little chance of your becoming sick.

Nature provides the bowels and kidneys to free the system from waste products which, if they remain in the body, become poisons and produce disease.

Poisons not carried away promptly through the bowels or kidneys are forced into the blood and thus injure every part of the system.

Iron-Ox Tablets cure constipation. They do not give temporary relief by dangerous cathartic or purgative action, but go straight to the cause of the trouble, and by securing bowel health and normal kidney and liver activity make constipation impossible.

Anything which shocks the sytem into activity is dangerous. Do not expect immediate perceptible effects from Iron-Ox Tablets. They produce a natural, regular building up of all the functions. This takes a little time, but success is absolutely certain.

Iron-Ox Tablets tone up the entire digestive system, causing perfect digestion, perfect assimilation, and a natural flow of fluids, so that purgatives and cathartics are unnecessary.

Fifty Iron-Ox Tablets in an attractive aluminum case, 25 cents at druggists, or from The Iron-Ox Remedy Co., Detroit, Mich., U. S. A.

It Takes a Dainty Cook to Make Better

CAKE or BREAD

—THAN—

HARRY RICHARDSON

26 MERRIMACK SQUARE.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Rescinds the Foul Strike Rule

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The magnates of the American Baseball league at their annual meeting here yesterday, rescinded the foul strike rule adpoted last year as an experiment, and declared in favor of a schedule of 154 games in order to meet the extension of the National league schedule.

The playing season will open April 15.

Another session was held this morning when several matters of importance were taken up for settlement.

The board of directors held a meeting last night and went through the formality of awarding the pennant to the Boston club.

TWO MORE DEATHS

FROM TYPHOID FEVER IN BUTLER, PA.

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 18.—Two deaths and four new cases form the typhoid fever record for the day as reported to the executive committee last evening. The contributions now received amount to over $30,000. A carload of canned goods and provisions were donated yesterday.

PLUMMER ELECTED

PRESIDENT OF DOMINION IRON AND STEEL COMPANY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—J. H. Plummer of Toronto was yesterday elected president of the Dominion Iron and Steel company. Hon. J. L. Forget retired from the vice-presidency. Graham Frazier, formerly general manager of the Nova Scotia Steel company succeeds him on the board, and has also been appointed director of the works.

CLASH THREATENED

BETWEEN CITY OFFICIALS AND U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—An order issued yesterday by Judge Grosscup in the United States district court, is likely to precipitate a clash between the city authorities and the federal court. The order of Judge Grosscup was given to the receivers of the Chicago Union Traction company, and granted permission for the construction of overhead trolley wires in Lincoln avenue and Blue Island avenue. Both the city council and the commissioners of public works had previously refused to grant a similar request.

DANCING PARTY

UNDER AUSPICES OF PI ETA CLUB.

The Pi Eta Social club conducted another of its popular series of social and dancing parties last evening in Prescott hall, and like unto all its precedessors the affair proved to be a brilliant function and gratifying success.

About 75 couples were in attendance and enjoyment reigned supreme throughout the evening.

Hilliard's orchestra furnished the music and a well arranged order of dances was carried out. Shortly after 10 o'clock the music ceased and light refreshments were served.

Dancing continued until midnight.

The affair was chicered by the following: Walter King, general manager; Peter Perrault, floor director; with William Crowley, Eugene Quecnan, John Golden and George Teague as aids.

ADMIRAL EVANS

TO SAIL FOR THE PHILIPPINES AFTER CHRISTMAS.

HONOLULU, Dec. 18.—Rear Admiral Evans received orders yesterday to have the Asiatic squadron, which arrived here Wednesday, in readiness to sail for Cavite after Christmas. Coaling has begun.

CRUSADE STARTED

AGAINST ALLEGED PERJURY IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A crusade against alleged wholesale perjury in bankruptcy proceedings was inaugurated yesterday by the federal authorities with the indictment and arrest of four alleged perjurers. They are Leon Wechsler, formerly a manufacturer of clothing; Kassel Oshinsky, real estate dealer; David Levy and David Lachman. The latter two were formerly associated together in the cotton goods business at 25 East Fourth street, but were thrown into involuntary bankruptcy by creditors in October.

The four men were arraigned before Judge Thomas on charges of perjury. All pleaded not guilty and were released on bonds.

POLO RESULTS.

At Salem—Salem 11, Lynn 4.
At Stoneham—Lawrence 7, Stoneham 6.

FOUR MEN KILLED

As a Result of Dynamite Explosion

DUBOIS, Pa., Dec. 18.—Four Italians were killed and two probably fatally injured by a dynamite explosion at Cramer, 10 miles from here, yesterday. The men were working on grading work for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg road and were blasting. Their dynamite was frozen and when they attempted to thaw it the explosion followed, shaking the ground and buildings for nearly a mile.

Purses for men and women. Lawler's.

REV. DR. BAKER DEAD.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Rev. George D. Baker, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church and one of the best known Presbyterian divines in the country, died suddenly here yesterday. Dr. Baker was 61 years of age and was president of the board of directors of the Princeton Theological seminary. He was a graduate of the seminary and held charges in different parts of the country.

Chapped Lips, Face and Hands

Instantly Cured by

Hood's Lotion

All Druggists, 35 cents.
C. I. Hood Co., Lowell.

Wall Paper

—AT—

97 Appleton Street

GEO. E. METCALF & CO.

FIRE INSURANCE

159 Middlesex St.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

DR. FITZHUGH HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

AMESBURY, Dec. 18.—The forward car of a Boston & Maine passenger train was derailed at Salisbury Point crossing yesterday noon by a collision with a team driven by Dr. F. A. Fitzhugh. Dr. Fitzhugh was thrown a distance of 40 feet, but is said to have escaped without serious injury, although he was severely shaken up.

Dr. Fitzhugh was attempting to cross the tracks of the Amesbury branch of the railroad. The horse went under the wheels of the locomotive and was cut into many pieces. The carriage was wrecked.

The baggage car was derailed, but fortunately did not go down the 25-foot bank.

None of the passengers was severely hurt, although a number sustained bruises and were badly shaken up.

The accident happened at the Rocky Hill crossing, about a mile and a half from the business center. Crossing Tender Alfred H. Greene declined to make a statement further than that he held up both hands when the doctor was near the crossing and supposed the doctor would not attempt to drive in front of the rapidly approaching train. When he discovered that the doctor intended to cross, it was too late to prevent the accident. The doctor was unconscious when removed from the ditch.

E. A. Mitchell of Lynn, a passenger upon the train, states that the force of the collision was so great that it threw the passengers in the combination baggage car, where he was riding, from their seats. The train traveled some 200 feet after the car left the rails.

Chesley's Military Orchestra of Wakefield at the Armory tonight.

Another in the series of ladies' nights will be held in the rooms of the popular Mathew Temperance Institute this evening. Extensive preparations have been made for the entertainment of the fair sex and a large crowd will doubtless be on hand.

Dec. 18th and 19th The Zopher Drug Co. Are Going to Give Away 1000 Full Sized Bottles Absolutely Free of

Crest-All (no-cold-no-cough) the newest, latest and most scientific production of the age for the cure of catarrh and all throat troubles. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass., sole proprietors. Crest-All (no-cold-no-cough) is not a patent medicine, contains no morphine, quinine, aconite or any poisonous drugs; but it is purely a vegetable compound.

DOUBLE GREEN TRADING STAMPS

GIVEN SATURDAY MORNING UNTIL 12 O'CLOCK

Our enlarged store is filled to overflowing with Holiday Goods. For fine goods in Watches, Diamonds, Silverware, Cut Glass, etc., we are headquarters.

New Goods, Low Prices, Quick Service

Come before the Holiday rush. Remember Saturday forenoon we give Double Discount Stamps.

GEO. H. WOOD, Leading Jeweler

137-151 CENTRAL STREET

"OPERATOR OF TEN STORES"

"Christmas comes but once a year
Give useful presents to make good cheer."

Our "Cheerful Credit Plan" PAVES THE ROAD TO CHRISTMAS JOY!

THOUSANDS are enabled to indulge their desire to give practical and useful gifts by reason of our "No-Money-Down Cheerful Charge Privilege." Our Holiday Stocks are ready—complete lines of Xmas wearing apparel for Man, Woman and Child fill every department — never before were we better prepared for the gift-giving season—never before were prices more attractive.

Furs for Xmas

Suggestions of extremely dainty and acceptable gifts pleasingly priced.

$8.00 Fur Scarfs at 5.98
$10.00 Fur Scarfs at 6.98
$12.00 Fur Scarfs at 8.98
$9.00 Fur Scarfs at 6.98
$12.00 Fur Muffs at 8.98
$4.50 Children's Fur Sets at 2.48
$5.00 Children's Fur Sets at 3.48
$8.00 Children's Fur Sets at 5.48

Xmas Sale of Women's Attire

Ladies' $18.00 "Mannish Cloth" Suits Reduced to..... 12.75
Ladies' $15.00 Novelty Mixture Suits Reduced to..... 10.75
Ladies' $20.00 Cheviot Suits Reduced to..... 14.75
Stylish outer garments of real merit for women, Priced at 10.98 to 35
Ladies' Waists for Xmas at 1.98 to 16.75
Ladies' Trimmed Hats for Xmas at 2.98 to 18.75
Children's outer garments unlimited variety at 5.98 to 14.75

Christmas Sale of Reliable Watches:

If you are looking for a special price on a guaranteed timepiece for a Christmas gift, you can do no better than to select from the stock we have specially arranged for this Xmas season.

Ladies' Watches at 18.75
Chatelaine size, gold filled, guaranteed 20 years, hand engr. H. C. and nickle move.

Ladies' Watches at 22.00
Gold filled H. C. or O. F., guaranteed 20 yrs., hand engr. or engine turned, perfect timekeeper. Elgin or Waltham move.

Men's Watches at 12.75
O. F. gold filled and guaranteed 20 years, engraved or engine turned case, excellent timekeeper, real value $18.

Men's Watches at 30.00
Hand engr. or engine turned, H. C. or O. F., guaranteed 20 yrs., double sunk dial, 15 ruby jewels in gold setting.

Ladies' Chain Watch Guards at 3.00 to 7.75
Newest novelties, solid gold slides, studded with genuine stones.

Ladies' Watches at 30.00
14 kt. solid gold, beautiful engraved case, guaranteed Elgin or Waltham move.

Men's Watches at 23.00
Hand engr. or engine turned, H. C. thin model, gold filled, guaranteed 20 yrs, Waltham move.

Men's Watch Chains at 3.00 to 7.50
Single and double vest chains gold filled and warranted 20 yrs., elegant selection.

Brilliant Xmas Assortment of Rings for Man, Woman and Child

Ladies' Rings at 3.50
Solid gold, cluster setting, genuine turquoise centre surrounded with pearls.

Ladies' Rings at 6.50
Solid gold, cluster of three large rubies with four beautiful pearls.

Ladies' Rings at 13.50
Solid gold, set with three large beautiful Hungarian opals.

Men's Rings at 7.00
Solid gold, "Signet" style. Engraved free.

Ladies' Rings at 4.50
Solid gold, cluster setting of sky emeralds and five pearls.

Ladies' Rings at 10.00
Solid gold, cluster of genuine turquoise surrounded by 12 pearls.

Men's Rings at 2.50
Guaranteed gold filled setting, choice of brilliants, rubies or emeralds.

Men's Rings at 9.00
Solid gold setting with large carbuncle ruby.

GENUINE DIAMONDS

Large assortment of genuine diamond rings, pins, lockets, etc., at pleasing prices.

Caesar Misch INC. CASH OR CREDIT

OUR REPRESENTATIVE

Will call at your residence with a full line of jewelry upon request.

220 Central St. Lowell, Mass.

A. STRAUSS, Manager.

Men's Overcoats for Xmas

Styles which are favored by the conservative dresser. Overcoats made of Oxford mixtures, friezes, kerseys and cheviots, various lengths and belted back sort. A holiday stock which presents everything seasonable in overcoatings at special Xmas reductions.

Men's $15.00 Overcoats Reduced to..... 10.75
Men's $16.50 Overcoats Reduced to..... 12.75
Men's $20.00 Overcoats Reduced to..... 16.75
Men's $25.00 Overcoats Reduced to..... 18.75

Men's Suits for Xmas

Choice of smart effects in Scotch mixtures, tweeds, cheviots, thibets, etc. These suits are superior in every detail to the average ready to wear clothing. Prices

12.75 to 25.00

Boys' Clothes Are Best Bought Here

Special Xmas reductions—the savings will be more appreciated now, when money spending for Xmas is in order.

Shoes for Xmas

Shoes for dress, shoes for business and for all occasions; of correct, shapely style—of best leathers, carefully made by best makers.

For Men at	For Women at	For Children at
2.50-3.50	2.50-3.50	1.00-2.00

Xmas Umbrellas

A most suitable and practical suggestion—A superb stock for men and women at

1.00 to 5.00

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SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

BRYAN IN EUROPE.

The lion of Europe today is our much respected American citizen, William Jennings Bryan. After all the mud that has been thrown at Bryan he comes through triumphant, rising above the abuse of small men, and standing forth before the critical people of Europe as one of the foremost Americans of his time. Men may differ as to Bryan's theories of government, yet all are now ready to admit that he is one of the highest types of American citizenship. An honest, able and patriotic American, he loves his country and its people, and has frequently given proof of this by setting aside temptations that would elevate him above the possibility of want if he would but accept retainers from the enemies of the toiling masses. Bryan may never again be a candidate for the presidency; indeed we do not think it likely that he would be considered in a democratic convention today, but he is nevertheless one of the greatest democrats since Thomas Jefferson and one of the most pure minded men that ever walked the earth to preach the gospel of equality of men. Bryan has been hounded, prosecuted and vilified because of his devotion to the interests of the common people, but this he considers an honor for there once came out of Nazareth a poor carpenter who preached the doctrine of humanity, brotherly love and forgiveness yet the people of His time, hated, hounded Him and finally killed Him, but His efforts resulted in a complete revolution of the civilized world. Slander and persecution may affect the man who preaches the truth, but it cannot affect the force of the word spoken in the cause of truth and justice. If Bryan should pass away tomorrow, history would find a place for him in the category of our greatest Americans.

A CLOCK IN THE SQUARE.

The Sun would again respectfully call the attention of the officials of the Boston & Northern street railway to the desirability of an illuminated clock in the square, that every one might see the time while coming or going in any direction on the cars. There is a nice spot left for the much needed clock where the stone post was recently knocked down by a runaway horse. If Manager Sullivan should get his eye on that gap in the curbing we believe he would immediately order a four faced illuminated clock for the benefit of the people who furnish the patronage for the street railway. The insignificant apology for a clock which is now hidden under an awning and which cannot be seen unless one puts his face against the window of the drug store, is useless. The old clock over the former waiting room was quite a convenience, but the present one may as well be sent to some rummage sale, where it will doubtless fall into the hands of some one who can make use of it. The public has no use for it whatever. Now, Mr. Sullivan, like a real good kind hearted public spirited man, won't you give us a clock with four beautiful illumined faces that will be a convenience to the public and at the same time stand as a monument to your kindly consideration for the public convenience.

NEW CHARTER NEEDED

After all the charter tinkering we have had, Lowell never needed a new charter more than it does today. With all respect to our esteemed friends of the board of trade who ran a shop for the manufacture and repair of charters at one time, we have no further use for the present charter puzzle which was the product of their genius. The wonder is that we have been able to get along at all with our present bungling charter. Under its provisions the mayor has practically no power except the power of veto, and even this is not always effective. They tell us that we cannot get good men to run for the office of mayor of Lowell. It may be that our absurd charter is responsible for this timidity among capable and reputable men who would not dare to risk their reputation for executive ability in a position where they could not enforce their orders or carry out their ideas for the benefit of the city. We have always believed that the mayor should have complete control of every department in the city government. People may cry out against this as giving one man too much power, but the only way to conduct a successful business is to put the power in the hands of one man and hold him responsible for results. How long could the agent of one of our big manufacturing concerns satisfy the stockholders if he could not put his ideas into practical operation? No man of any capacity can go into city hall as mayor and bring about the reforms the people want under the present charter. He can recommend this and that, but the heads of departments can laugh at him and find protection under this abominable charter. He can advise the city council to do thus and so, but they are at liberty to do as they please. If he had the power to remove a superintendent of streets and put another man in his place without the interference of the city council, the superintendent would obey the mayor without hesitation. So with the heads of every other department. If the mayor had the power of removal and appointment he could order certain improvements or certain economies, and his orders would be obeyed.

Our charter was much nearer perfection at the time Mayor Courtney made his appointments which were afterwards overturned by the state legislature in a great hurry. We think the men who were responsible for the overturning have since seen the folly of their way and would be glad to have even the old charter in force. But while we are about it let us have a charter that is better than either. Let a committee of competent citizens get together and draw up a charter that will be of some service to the city, and give some power to the executive officer whom we elect to manage our affairs but to whom we give no power whatsoever. As we said before, we believe the mayor should have the appointing and removing power in every department. We believe in abolishing the water board. We believe in abolishing the department of supplies as there would be no need of it if the mayor had complete control over the different departments. We believe in giving even wider scope to the operations of the park commission which has done so well since its formation. We think the pauper department would be better managed if the board of overseers of the poor were wiped out and succeeded by a board subject to the mayor. We see no reason why the board of police could not be dispensed with under a proper charter or at least be formed of men who hold their positions at the pleasure of the mayor and who could be removed without question when he sees fit to remove them. True, this is practically one man power, but all the great achievements in this world were made not by committees, but by the force, the power and ability of the one right man in the right place. With a charter formed on these lines we have no doubt that men of capacity would be induced to offer themselves as candidates for the position of mayor, men who could administer with ability and who could reduce our tax rate systematically and continuously until it reached a reasonable figure. We believe such a man would be entitled to a salary commensurate with his ability, and if we ever get a charter of this sort and give it a fair trial we feel certain that our charter tinkering and experimenting will be at an end and our city will develop in every direction and new enterprises will be attracted in our direction. We say without fear of contradiction from any intelligent person that it is possible to have better streets, roads, bridges and other public requirements with a lower tax rate if the proper man with full powers is elected to the position of mayor.

SEEN AND HEARD

The church choirs are rehearsing their Christmas music.

Ward nine is the banner ward for women voters.

Santa Claus is the most popular individual just now.

Severely cold weather means work for the fire department as a rule.

Boston voted for wet goods, but she refused to swallow the republican mayoralty candidate.

A quietus from politics is a relief. The Thanksgiving season is now properly in order.

Medford has abolished its common council, which is an easy remedy for a heap of municipal ills.

Boston will have a big horse show in April, a fact pleasing to Lowell horse lovers.

Unlike other cities, Lowell is pretty free from crime at this time, especially the offences of larceny and assault.

Chelsea has gone for license again, and yet some people still persist in saying "as dead as Chelsea."

Massachusetts has done with political contests for another year, and people generally are glad.

To those who expected an "open town" after election day the notice of the police board comes as a shock. The liquor sellers must "be good"—that is, as good as heretofore, which is not saying much.

A new steamer for the Fall River line, now being built, is to be called the Providence. All the line's steamers begin with P—the Priscilla, Puritan, Plymouth and Pilgrim.

The Faulkner shanty on Belvidere heights has been improved by the addition of steps leading to the piazza and springs on the back door. It is still unoccupied.

A fine fellow has passed away in the death of John H. Comber, the Lowell cricketer, who died in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Comber was a very pleasant, companionable man and a great lover of outdoor sports.

Politics do not "cut ice" in the Middlesex Bar association, with Samuel K. Hamilton (democrat) president, and George F. Richardson (republican), vice-president.

The hurdy-gurdy man is grinding out his tunes, despite the winter weather. His favorite airs are "Marguerite" and "The Good Old Summer Time," which are hardly in keeping with the weather.

The recount demonstrated that ward eight has "the goods." The election hustlers up there know how to get out the votes, and their work is a revelation to the hustlers in other wards.

Attorney Qua's explanations of his public remarks on the mill tax cases are nearly as long-drawn out and insistent as the cases themselves.

A candidate for the school board in Boston (defeated of course) favored free clothing for the needy children and free lunches for all school attendants.

The incoming legislature has lost its first member by death in the person of William B. Phinney of Lynn, who expired suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Phinney was in the legislature this year, and was quite well known by the Lowell members.

Carroll D. Wright, the U. S. commissioner of labor, predicts that the wage systems will pass away, and profit sharing and co-operative systems will take its place. If this change should ever come about "the ghost" may still be able to walk, and pay days would come about with old-time regularity. But wouldn't it seem odd not to be a "hired man," nor a wage earner?

Carrie Nation has gone on the stage—another awful result of the rum demon. She appears as the heroine in a revised, up-to-date "Ten Nights in a Barroom," in which she sallies forth in quest of a wayward boy, whom she finally finds in death, and over his prostrate body she makes a speech, winding up with smashing the saloon and its fixin's with her little hatchet.

The other day when Santa Claus paraded the streets in a carriage, led by a brass band, a bare-foot little girl, about 6 years old, accompanied by a younger brother, followed the procession from Fayette street into Centralville and return, a distance of several miles. The eyes of the two children were on Santa the whole time, whom they, no doubt, regarded as a great and good man. Let us hope that Santa will remember these two little tots, so full of innocence and simplicity, and make their Christmas holidays happy.

The Hebrews in Lowell, like their brethren all over the world, are celebrating the feast of "Chanuka" this week. This feast, which commemorates the restoration of Jerusalem, and is known as the feast of lights, was ushered in last Sunday evening and will be celebrated until Saturday evening, December 19. In the Hebrew homes a candle is lit—the first night and the following seven days additional candles are lit until the entire eight are burned on the last night of the feast. The exercises are of a religious character, but games and social functions are also indulged in, especially by the younger people.

Here is something from the Manchester Mirror that will please the boys on the "Flats" where Dan Lynch hails from:

As The Onlooker was walking towards the station on his way to the West Side this morning he met the Old Man of Merrimack Common.

"Good morning," said The Onlooker.

"Good morning," replied the Old Man of Merrimack Common.

"Did you go to the basket ball game Monday night?" asked The Onlooker.

The Old Man smiled one of those seraphic smiles that are regularly seen upon his countenance before reviving:

"Ye-es," and then he stopped abruptly. "Oh yes, I went to the basket ball game and if I did not have a good time I do not want a cent.

"One of those men in the Manchester uniform took his opponent and shook him as if he were a rat. I tell you if I had that done to me when I was about twenty-five years younger there would have been trouble.

"At last one of the men after a great deal of jumping around, dropped the ball into the basket that was dangling from the other end of the cage. The young man beside me almost went into hysterics and the way he shrieked and yelled was appalling for its strength and ferocity. If he had been in a circus the keepers would have come around and silenced him with a horsewhip or an elephant brad. But as it was Mechanics hall, in dear old Manchester, nothing was done to him and he was allowed to simmer.

"But I must say that of all the innocent men in the world that Lynch on the Manchester team is the best. Once he took the tall man he was playing against and banged him against the bars of the cage, and I thought that the police would have entered the cage and carried the tall man off on a stretcher. Oh, no, nothing like that. Lynch was as cool and innocent as a little lamb. And Doyle, the tall man did not seem to notice the banging very much.

"I have read about the terrible dangers of the middle ages, how perilous it was for a man to go out in the times when the custom was to fight tourneys in the lists. But none of those tourneys could be much worse than our basket ball and foot ball. They may have hit harder but they also wore more armor for protection. Now the gladiator wears nothing but a light running suit when he enters the lists of the basket ball. The results are not much different. I do not believe."

"But how did you like the game?" asked The Onlooker.

"Oh, so, so. I guess I'll take in another one before the season is done. If I could see that Lynch play every night as he did Monday I'd go every night."

Standard Dictionary, full leather, $9.00. Lawler's.

DON'T GET MAD

IF PEOPLE AT POST OFFICE SHUT YOU OFF.

If you call up the post office by telephone to ask if there is any mail for you or to make any other similar inquiry, and an answer is denied you, do not get angry and vow vengeance on Postmaster Thompson. He can't help it. If he refuses to tell you what you want to know, or if any of his subordinates does, he will be merely carrying out the the orders of the department officials at Washington.

Of course any inquiry as to postal business not of a personal nature will be cheerfully answered at the post office. The orders at the department forbidding the giving out of telephone information refers only to questions as to the receipt or delivery of mail addressed to particular persons.

A recent communication from the first assistant post-master general at Washington received by Postmaster Thompson in common with all the other postmasters in the country a copy of which has been posted in the post office workroom, reads as follows:

"The attention of the department has been called to the common practice that prevails in post offices where telephones are installed, of answering inquiries made by strangers or by persons whose voices are not recognized by the postmaster or clerk who answers the telephone, concerning mail matter in the office. Under section 549, P. L. and R., postmasters and all others in the postal service are prohibited from furnishing any information concerning mail matter received or delivered except to the person to whom it is addressed or their authorized agents. The attention of all postmasters and postal employes is called to this matter, and strict compliance with the regulation is enjoined.

(Signed) R. J. WYNNE,
First Asst. Postmaster-General.

Under this order the postmaster and all employes of the local post office will be obliged to refuse to give such information over the telephone wire to any persons whose voices are not known, or, otherwise, except to known persons or to their duly authorized representatives.

Choice gift books. Lawler's.

Read the Oriental Bazaar's ad.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE CASTO.

The Casto theatre will prove far too small to accommodate the crowd tomorrow, for Saturday is the day that the school children of the city have selected as their time to attend the cosy Shattuck street theatre. This week they will witness the best show of the season. Jane Courthope and Charles Forrester in the comedy "A Fisherman's Luck," head the program and the act is exceedingly funny. The Avon Comedy Four will be great favorites with the children as their school room scene will be a big hit. Greene and Werner in "Babes in the Jungle," is another act that will win the plaudits, for it is very novel and the quick change of the artists from street clothes to Zulu costumes is astonishing. Green trading stamps are given free with every orchestra ticket. Reserved seats can be obtained by calling telephone 815-3.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Read This Ad.—G. E. T.

Get are the initials of George E. Tradd, who would like to announce that he has got, for you to get, the best gifts, and when you give, what you will get, don't forget, that your gift will never be forgotten. Now let us not forget, what we can get, in this store, we can't get in any other store in Lowell. We have no other branch. The ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 318 Merrimack street. Please don't forget the number.

Father Said "Hurrah!"

In a letter from Miss Annie C. Roberts of W. Southport, Me., whose father had taken one bottle of U-ri-cene, the new Rheumatic Cure, she writes: "Father says 'Hurrah,' he feels better. He gets up out of his chair without help and goes out of doors, walking about quite a little. We are certain that U-ri-cene is driving the Rheumatism out of his system." U-ri-cene is sold and guaranteed by Falls & Burkinshaw, A. W. Dows & Co., Carter & Sherburne, R. J. Lang & Co., Rochette & Delisle, Ellingwood & Co., Goodale's drug store, F. H. Butler & Co., and the Lowell Pharmacy, and money will be refunded if a fair trial fails to cure Rheumatism. In tablet form only. Price 50c.

THE WOODBURY MEDICAL CO., BOSTON.

(CUT IT OUT.)

THE EAGLE CREDIT HOUSE

190 and 192 Middlesex Street

This advertisement is good for $1.00 on first purchase of $10.00 or more.

CASH OR CREDIT.

GAS LAMPS

We have an elegant line of the Edward Miller Gas Lamps at lowest prices. What is more acceptable than a nice Gas lamp as a Christmas gift? Call and see our assortment of these goods.

CARROLL BROS.

PLUMBERS, STEAM FITTERS and SHEET METAL WORKERS

36 MIDDLE STREET

ADAMS

DESKS

Handsome ladies' desks with conveniently arranged interior and drop lid front.

The massive Colonial and Mission designs and the more dainty French styles, in mahogany, oak and maple woods. Desk chairs to match. About the cost, we are showing a neat oak desk at ***$4.50*** and different designs in better qualities, ***$9.00, $10.00, $11.00, $12.00*** to ***$20.00.***

The Colonial and Mission designs ***$12.00*** to ***$35.00.***

3 stamps for 1 given on every cash sale tomorrow

Adams & Co.

Furniture-Carpets,

Appleton Bank Block. 174 Central St.

The Man from Egypt Smokes

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EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES

10 for 15 cents. Cork Tips or Plain

Save the Coupons.

PUTNAM & SON CO.

166 Central Street

MEN'S OVERCOATS FOR $10

WE'VE a word to say about our overcoats for $10—in every way the most worthy coats that we know of for the price—cut of the regulation length, made from strictly all wool fabrics, oxford and black, kerseys and friezes; nicely lined, capitally tailored, cut with the new narrow lapels; broad shouldered and stylish—they're as fashionable as they are good—more real merit for $10 than we believe has ever been put into an overcoat for this price.

Boys' Reefers $1.25

but these are all small sizes the remainder of a lot that sold for $1.75.

Boys' Belt Back Overcoats $2.00

We begin today on our second hundred of these smart little coats to fit boys 4 years to 9. Neat dark smooth meltons, made up double breasted with velvet collars — they're the best $2.00 value we ever offered.

Boys' Norfolk Suits $2.50

All wool, new patterns in neat cheviots—sizes 8 to 15. We've never shown new, stylish all wool suits at anything like so low a price. The real value is at least a dollar more than these are marked—good for Christmas.

Boys' Fleeced Underwear 19c

Just when the boy needs it, we offer this lot of heavy brown mixed fleeced Shirts and Drawers at almost half price—all sizes, 24 to 34. The same number you'll find sold elsewhere for 35c.

Best Quality Mohair Tams 37½c

There are but 180 in the lot, a few styles that the manufacturer discontinued. Identically the same quality sold everywhere for 75c and $1.00. These for 37½c

Sweaters for Men and Boys.

A great stock of thoroughly good sweaters — Hand Knit Shaker for $5.00, Intercollegiate for $1.50; heavy wool and worsted in navy, oxford and white. Boys' worsted sweaters for $1.50 and $1.00, with a small lot to close, for 37½c.

Young Men's Overcoats $6.00

Every coat strictly all-wool, of fine faced black and oxford Friezes, cut extra long, broad shouldered and full of style. Three lots, on some of which sizes were missing, all sizes to fit boys 16 to 18 years—sold for $10—put together all now for $6.

House Coats

Cut and made by men tailors so that they fit; and we think a good deal of commonsense has been observed in the selection of fabrics. The house coats here are garments made to be worn—none is so gaudy that a man would balk at putting it on. Medium and dark cashmere, velour, and plain cloth coats, quietly lined or made from cloths in a neat variety of combinations of outside and inside colors,

$5 and up to $12.

Boys' Neckwear

Some exceedingly pretty neckwear, made especially for boys, from pretty Scotch plaid silks and fine satins, of correct proportions, in little four-in-hand scarfs, 25c

Windsor scarfs for younger boys, and bright colored little bows.

Boys' Suspenders

Each pair neatly boxed—pretty patterns and nicely made, nickel trimmings—sensible for the holidays—only 25c pair

WATER FAMINE

St. Albans Supply All But Gone

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 18—The city is threatened with a water famine. The two reservoirs from which the city is supplied and which are in turn fed from Fairfax pond, are steadily failing and one of them is nearly dry. The authorities have taken prompt precautionary measures to husband the little water that remains, but in spite of this the situation grows daily more serious. The city water has been shut off, and is turned on during one hour of the day only, between 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Pails, pans, bathtubs and various other receptacles are then filled with a supply that must last 24 hours. To make matters worse the water is so full of sediment that it is hardly fit for drinking purposes. It is possible that the meagre supply now furnished will be still further curtailed.

The Central Vermont railway has pressed into service all the engines that it can spare to draw water trains from Sheldon Junction and Swanton to its yards here. With this assistance they are not able to keep their machine shops in operation more than half of the time.

The St. Albans gas company has established a bucket brigade and is taking water from Stevens brook. A furniture manufacturing company, which operates one of the city's chief industries, has been obliged to shut down. The company is sinking a well and hopes to be able to resume operations soon.

Two steam laundries have scarcely enough power to move their machinery. The quality of the water is such as to make the proper cleaning of laundry impossible.

Trains entering the city are not allowed to take water here.

The great menace to the city, which is already suffering from the fact that many people have been thrown out of work, is from fire. The pressure is so low that a fire of any proportions could not be checked.

WILLIAMS, THE GREAT ANIMAL TRAINER, CURED BY TO-NI-TA

Mr. Williams, Manager of the Hagenbeck Animal Show, Who is Under a Constant Nervous Strain, Says Dr. Lorentz's TO-NI-TA Cured Him of Nervous Dyspepsia and Saved Him From Complete Collapse.

DR. LORENTZ'S MEMBRANE BITTERS

MR. C. L. WILLIAMS,

Dear Doctor:—

My business as manager of the Carl Hagenbeck's Trained Animal Company, which is one of the largest trained animal shows in the world, is one requiring a large amount of nerve force. You can never tell when an animal will turn on its trainer. This fact keeps me nerved up at all times for the welfare and safety of my trainers and keepers.

Being under a constant nervous strain and keyed to the highest pitch, I did not realize I was on the verge of a general collapse until one day I fainted from exhaustion. I had constant headache, followed by nervous dyspepsia. The doctor said my heart was affected and prescribed TO-NI-TA as a nerve and body builder. I began taking a teaspoonful every three hours and after taking three bottles am completely cured. Never again will I be without TO-NI-TA, as it has certainly done wonders for me, for which I am grateful beyond words.

C. L. WILLIAMS,

Manager Carl Hagenbeck Animal Show.
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 20, 1903.

TO-NI-TA CONTAINS NO COCAINE, or other dangerous drugs so often found in so-called catarrh and asthma cures, which do not cure, but make cocaine fiends.

TO-NI-TA, the great mucous membrane bitters, is a scientific combination of the vital principles of the most powerful healing herbs known to medicine. The marvelous curative properties of TO-NI-TA are largely due to the special process by which the active medicinal parts are extracted from each herb, and the scientific manner in which they have been united.

TO-NI-TA cures catarrh of the head, throat, lungs, stomach, kidneys, bladder and female organs. It is an invigorating tonic and stimulant; it tones up the system, builds nerve tissues, brings new life and elasticity to the mucous membrane, and restores the patient to a normal, healthy condition; it makes the sick well, keeps the well strong. TO-NI-TA can be given to children with perfect safety in doses as directed. It matters not in how weak a condition the patient may be, TO-NI-TA will strengthen and restore the shattered nerves. A trial bottle will convince you of the marvelous powers of this great medicine.

After you have tried TO-NI-TA, write to Dr. Lorentz and tell him how it benefited you. He is interested in every one who takes TO-NI-TA.

DOCTORS KNOW TO-NI-TA

Dr. Lorentz has made a special arrangement by which every Doctor may have a copy of the formula of TO-NI-TA and a sample bottle of the medicine, so that he may know for himself that it contains nothing but the vital principles of the most powerful healing herbs and that it is free from cocaine and dangerous drugs, by writing Lorentz Medical Co., Flatiron Bldg., New York. "The Beautiful Story of Life." Dr. Lorentz's treatise on catarrh, and advice will be sent free for the asking.

TO-NI-TA at druggists', or direct, $1.00 a bottle. If your druggist does not keep TO-NI-TA write direct, do not accept a cheap substitute, represented by the dealer to be "just as good as" TO-NI-TA. Insist on "TO-NI-TA."

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Xmas Clothing FOR THE FAMILY On Credit

Don't forget that no holiday is complete without the proper attire in which to celebrate. We have everything that style and taste suggest for Man, Woman and Child in

Clothing, Cloaks, Furs and Millinery

for Xmas presentations on easy payments—without annoying formalities or publicity.

No Money Down

Largest, best and cheapest credit house in Lowell.

FRANKEL & GOODMAN CORP.
78 MIDDLESEX STREET
Odd Fellows Temple.

Proprietors of three big stores, Lowell, Lawrence and Lynn.

Cut This Coupon Out

This coupon is good for ONE DOLLAR on the first payment of goods, the purchase amounting to $10 or over, at the

Frankel & Goodman Corp.
78 Middlesex Street,
LOWELL, . . . MASS.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Cut this out and bring it with you, it will entitle you to 10 per cent. discount on your purchase if made at any time within this month, at our store.

EYE AND EYEGLASS CARE

Let us pilot you out of the misery and danger of overworked and improperly treated eyesight into the rest and satisfaction of restored vision. We understand EYES and EYE GLASSES—our business to fit the one to the other. We know the EYE and its needs—we know the dangers that follow in the wake of defective EYES and strained vision. Our knowledge of the EYE and practical experience in the fitting of GLASSES is at your service. We examine your EYES thoroughly, scientifically; tell you their exact condition, advise you what to do and grant you the privilege of doing as you please.

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300 Merrimack St., 2 Doors from Dutton

OPEN EVENINGS.

SHOT HIS CHIEF

Police Officer Then Tried to Commit Suicide

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 18—Shot by a patrolman, Chief of Police William F. Dinneen lies seriously wounded at the North Adams hospital. Gardner Northrup, the policeman who did the shooting, attempted to end his own life by cutting his throat, but failed.

The shooting was the result of Northrup's anger at being forbidden to go on duty while intoxicated. It occurred a few minutes after 6 o'clock, just after the regular night force, with which Northrup should have gone, had left the police station. Northrup had come in some minutes before and had been told by Capt. Jones that he could not go out in the condition he was in.

After the force had left, Northrup went to the chief and asked him if the captain's order stood. Chief Dineen replied that it did and that Northrup could not go on duty in that condition.

Walking back from the chief's office to the patrolmen's room, Northrup secured a revolver and going up to the chief, began to fire. They were alone on the second floor at the time.

Patrolmen Whipple, Rosaco and P. Walsh were in the main office on the first floor when the shots rang out and dashed up stairs.

STRUGGLE WITH CRAZED MAN.

Whipple, on reaching the head of the stairs, saw Dinneen and Northrup rushing toward him, the chief already wounded and crouching.

Vaulting over the chief's body, Whipple rushed at Northrup, regardless of the latter's fire, which sent one bullet whizzing by him, and pounced on the man. Each weighs more than 200 pounds and the force of the collision almost sent the

CHIEF OF POLICE WM. F. DINNEEN.

two through a window at the end of the corridor, the sash being broken out. Falling back, they landed on a couch.

Here Northrup tried to turn the revolver on himself and fired, the bullet just grazing his body near the heart. He then attempted to turn the weapon on Whipple, who wrenched it from his hand.

Whipple then forced Northrup through a doorway into the patrolmen's room and held him till Northrup said, "I'll go with you wherever you want." Whipple led him to a cell, passing the prostrate form of the chief, and locked him up. The other officers seeing that Northrup had been quieted, turned their attention to the chief.

WOUNDED CHIEF'S STATEMENT.

Chief Dinneen, although wounded and bleeding, was able to stand and with assistance walked down stairs to the main office, and Dr. Stafford, mayor of the city, was hurriedly summoned. While there, Chief Dinneen related the main features of the crime, saying that he guessed he was done for and that he wanted the real facts known beyond doubt.

Dr. Stafford had the ambulance called, and after doing what he could to stop the flow of blood had the chief taken to the hospital.

It was found that the chief had received four wounds apparently made by three shots. A bullet had pierced his left hand, one had pierced his coat and overcoat, one had scratched the left side of the abdomen, and another, apparently the one that hit the hand, had entered the face, knocking out two teeth, and lodged in the neck.

It was at first thought that the wound in the abdomen was most serious, but as it proved the one in the jaw was the only one that caused worry. The bullet in the neck was not removed last evening.

By 9 o'clock it was seen that the chief had a good chance for recovery, which had been doubted up to that time. His ante-mortem statement was taken at the police station by city solicitor Niles.

NORTHRUP ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Northrup was seen in his cell a short time after the shooting. He was talking in a dazed fashion, some of his statements being incoherent. He admitted the shooting, and said he was frenzied when he did it. He expressed sorrow that it was the chief whom he shot, but said he had nothing to say in defence of himself.

Northrup's attempt at suicide in his cell was evidently committed a very few minutes after he was left there, and in the belief that he had killed the chief. In the first excitement he had been shoved into the cell and the door locked without stopping to search him. In the haste of the officers to get to the chief.

About half an hour later officers went to the cell to see Northup's condition. They found him bleeding at the throat and a knife was taken from him. A physician was summoned and found that the wound was not deep, and there is little danger of his dying.

Chief of Police Dinneen is 44 years old, and is in point of service one of the oldest men on the force. He was born in Stamford, Vt. Coming to this city as a boy he worked some years in the Arnold print works, and was appointed a patrolman in 1887. Dinneen showed himself to be possessed of unusual bravery and ability, and this is not the first adventure in which his life has been saved by a narrow margin. He was made captain when the town became a city, eight years ago, and five years ago was made chief. He is married and has three children.

Northrup came to this city some years ago from Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and has been on the force for three years. Of late he had been warned several times for drinking, but this was his first suspension.

FAIR OPENED

IN AID OF FAITH HOME FOR CHILDREN.

The fair in aid of the Faith Home for Children under the auspices of the Educational club was opened yesterday at 228 Worthen street and was largely attended and liberally patronized. The many tables were tastefully decorated and laden with a tempting array of useful, ornamental and delectable articles.

The fancy goods table was decorated in green crepe paper ornamented and was well supplied with fancy and useful articles.

The nut table, in white decorations, had raw and salted peanuts, salted almonds, and pears. The cake table was also decorated in white, set off by many loaves of fancy frosted cake. A charming landscape done by Mrs. George H. Taylor of Nichols street, adorns the hall at the cake table having been given to the home.

The candy table is in position under an arbor of evergreen and presents a most pleasing aspect.

The pound table had 16-ounce parcels of various pastry supplies, also canned fruit.

In the dining room sandwiches, rolls, cake, ice cream and college ices, tea and coffee were served.

A fine musical program prepared by Mrs. Willis E. Morse was given last evening. It consisted of a piano solo, Nocturn F, Chopin, by Miss Dube, a pupil of Carl Baerman; vocal solo, Sidney Barton; violin solo, Fantasie Faust, Gounod, Mr. Arthur Booth; vocal solo, "The Four Leaf Clover," Brownell, Mrs. Josie Powers McDonald; whistling solo with auto-harp accompaniment, "Sly Musette," from "The Mocking Bird," and "Lead, Kindly Light," Dyker, Mr. Booth; vocal solo, Sidney Barton; piano solo, Titania, Wely, Miss Mabelle Harvey; vocal solo, "The Flight of Ages," Beven, Mrs. McDonald. Miss Ida I. Wilson and Miss Dube were the accompanists.

The fair will be continued this afternoon and evening.

MAYOR IS BEATEN

Lawrence Commissioners Won Out

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The license commissioners of Lawrence win out in their controversy with Mayor Grant. The order of the mayor, removing them from office, was revoked yesterday by Judge Fessenden of the superior court.

The commissioners, Frederick Patch, William J. Bradley and James A. Coughlin, were given a hearing by the mayor last spring on charges respecting the non-enforcement of the law. On the evidence submitted the mayor removed the commissioners, and they brought a bill in equity seeking to have the court review his finding.

The evidence was presented to Judge Fessenden at the hearing and he reserved his decision. His honor sent down his decision yesterday afternoon revoking the order of Mayor Grant.

It was alleged that the commissioners were incompetent and inefficient and the mayor so found. He found also that they had not enforced the law relating to screens, etc., in barrooms; that they had issued licenses to improper persons and for improper places; that they granted a license to Owen E. Mahan, who had been convicted of violating the liquor law, and the mayor deemed him an unsuitable person to hold a license. He further found that Coughlin was manager and a stockholder of the Lawrence equitable co-operative society, and that Patch was a stockholder and that the society sold cigars and other supplies to liquor dealers.

Double Trading Stamps today at Lawler's.

MILES' DAUGHTER

TRYING TO GET PARDON FOR HIM.

HUDSON, Dec. 18—Miss Lottie Miles, daughter of Edward P. Miles, formerly tax collector, but now serving a five years' sentence in state prison for embezzling $10,000, has in a limited circle the past two days circulated a petition for the pardon of her father, whose term of sentence has not yet half expired.

Miss Miles saw her father the latter part of last week and brought back the report that he said he was in greatly impaired health and could not live but a very short time. Such a report was soon in circulation here, and it was followed by the publication of an item in a Boston paper to the effect that Hudson's former tax collector was near death's door and there was somewhat of a sensation created.

Persons interested have been in communication with the prison officials and by them have been told that the stories told concerning Miles' state of health are greatly exaggerated. Monday last it was current that the former official could not live but a short time, and yet he was not visited by the prison physician until the following Wednesday, which tells the story that there was no just foundation for the rumor circulated.

It is said the efforts to secure signers to the application for a pardon are not meeting with much success.

Have a look at the Oriental Bazaar.

IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY PARTY.

The second of a series of parties under the auspices of the Improvement society of St. John's church was held last night at the new American Mechanics hall in Middle street. Music for dancing was furnished by Pease & Griffith's orchestra and the following were in charge of the affair: General manager, Frederick Clements; assistant manager, Isaac B. Romain; floor manager, Chas. A. Howarth; aids, William Wilson, George McElroy, Gordon Foster, Marion Spencer, Annie Welch.

Elegant writing sets. Lawler's.

Munyon's Paw-Paw

Col. Swaim of the Government Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C., Cured by Paw-Paw.

Paw-Paw has cured me, absolutely, of nervousness and general indisposition arising from rheumatism, long continued, and seems to have also cured the rheumatism.

I was a great sufferer before I began to use Paw-Paw. One bottle has effected all this and I now feel as well as I ever felt in my life.

(Signed) W. T. SWAIM.

Don't let the skeptical stop you from making a trial of Paw-Paw today. You're the one that is most interested.

If you have Catarrh, try it.
If you have Dyspepsia, try it.
If you are nervous, try it.
If you are despondent, try it.
If you are weak and run down, try it.

Cast away all tonics, all medicines and all stimulants and let Munyon's Paw-Paw make you well. It will lift you into the high altitudes of hope and hold you there. It will give exhilaration without intoxication.

Sold by all druggists. Large bottle $1. Paw-Paw Laxative Pills 25c a bottle.

Sensible Christmas Gifts

Come and Examine Our Line of Useful and Inexpensive Presents

Fine Silver Plated Sets, Comb, Brush and Mirror, $1.49 to $5.98
Hand Painted Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets, $5.98 down to $2.49
Fine Gold Plated Sets, Comb, Brush and Mirror, $2.49
Hand Mirrors, all prices down to . . . 25c
Triplicate Mirrors, large size . . . $1.49
Solid Silver Hair Brush . . . $1.98
Hair Brushes, all kinds $2.50 down to 25c

HAND BAGS

SPECIAL—A nice Wrist Bag, in red, brown, gray or black, for 19c if you bring in this advt.

Automobile Bag (the swell hand bag) $2.49 down to 29c
Leather Case, gent's fitted, $5 down to $1.25
Cigar Cases and Solid Silver Match Boxes from 98c
Tobacco Box, Indian Head 48c

GENT'S MILITARY BRUSHES

Silver, Ebony, Burnt Wood, as low as (pair) 98c
Shaving Sets, Smoking Sets, etc.

JAPANESE CHINA

Hand Painted Hair Receivers . 98c to 33c
Beautiful Pin and Bon Bon Trays . . 59c
Manicure Trays with Solid Silver Fittings only $1.26
Cracker Jars $1.29. Chocolate Pots $1.98
Manicure Sets, Solid Silver . . . $2.49

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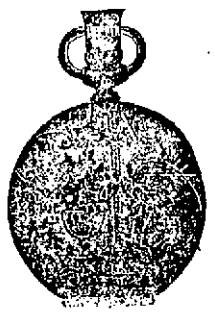
Great Bargains for Holidays!



We are ready with an immense assortment of Xmas Gifts. The Presents You Want at Prices You Like are all included in our splendid line of

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We offer a greater variety of appropriate presents for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children. We supply a suitable gift for old or young at any price you desire to expend.

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Instant recognition among society and business people. The genuine Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen for personal use. Oldest and best.

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We are glad to welcome visitors, pleased to show goods, and ready to make close prices to all.

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For the Convenience of the Public We Will Have Our Store Open Every Evening Until After the Holidays

—REMEMBER THE PLACE—

J. A. FILION, The Leading Jeweler

92 CENTRAL STREET, COR. PRESCOTT

BOTH SHOT DEAD

Father and Son Killed by Detectives

THREE OFFICERS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY

Men Were Wanted by the Police

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—Trailed to their lodging place and brought to bay within the walls of a small room, Joseph Choisser, aged 50, and Louis Choisser, aged 25, father and son, have been shot and killed in a battle with Detectives Hawley, Murphy and Cowan. The three officers escaped without injury. Both of the Choissers were killed instantly.

Two telegrams were received by Chief of Police Elkton from Equality, Ills., requesting the arrest of Joseph Choisser on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. There was no charge against the son, so far as known. They were located at a lodging house. The detectives entered without knocking. The elder Choisser was lying on the bed and as the officers entered he reached for his pistol. Before he could get it, Detective Hawley seized it. At the same moment Louis opened fire upon the officers. They returned the shots, killing Joseph instantly. The fire from Louis' revolver became so hot that the officers retreated into the hall. The young man followed but before he could take aim for a second shot Murphy and Cowan fired, killing him instantly. In the pockets of Louis $1800 was found. The officers declare that they were forced to shoot in self-defense.

Christmas stationery, choicest and greatest variety in Lowell, elegantly boxed, all prices. Lawler's.

CONANT NAMED

FOR TREASURER OF THE GOLF ASSOCIATION.

BOSTON, Dec. 18—The annual meeting of the Massachusetts golf association for the election of officers and for such other business as may legally come before the meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Exchange club in this city. The clubs of the association may be represented at any of its meetings by two delegates who are duly authorized and whose appointments are certified by their club secretary. Each of these delegates shall be entitled to one vote.

The nominating committee, which was composed of Q. A. Shaw, Jr., of Myopia, Edmund C. Tarbell of Wollaston and A. J. Wellington of Newton, presents the following names:

G. Herbert Windeler, the Country club, president; Herbert C. Leeds, Myopia, vice president; Edmund B. Conant, Vesper C. C., treasurer; H. R. Freeman, Wollaston, secretary; Alfred L. Ripley, Oakley; C. A. Bowles, Country club of Springfield; John I. Taylor, Tedesco; N. H. Borden, Jr., Fall River; E. A. Wilkie, Newton, and the officers ex-officio, executive committee.

The list is a renomination of the present officers. The association has had a most successful year.

Crepe paper for Christmas. Lawler's.

MATINEE CLUB

ENTERTAINED BY MRS. TURCOTTE YESTERDAY.

Mrs. L. P. Turcotte entertained the Club La Matinee at whist yesterday afternoon. The first prize, a comb tray, was won by Mrs. J. W. Paradis, while the second, a vase, went to Mrs. W. A. Farthenais.

Buy your Xmas gifts at the Merrimack. We'll put money in your pocket and value—special value—in your possession—but no stamps. Is any leading merchant of New York or Boston resorting to stamps for business?

REFUSED TO PAY

LAWYERS' BILL TURNED DOWN BY HAVERHILL COUNCIL.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 18—Both branches of the city council last evening refused to act upon the bills presented by Lawyers Boyd B. Jones and George Fred Williams of Boston for $944 for services in the contested mayoralty election case before the supreme court last year.

The committee on accounts of the city council referred the bills for approval to the city government, and with the refusal of the latter to act a suit is probable to recover the amount asked by the two lawyers.

The report of the committee on accounts was accepted by both branches, and in the lower branch Councilman Frame created a lively discussion by objecting to their approval, and charging the republicans and socialists with bringgrafters.

Engraved visiting cards at Lawler's.

OFFICERS ELECTED

L'UNION ST. JOSEPH HELD WELL ATTENDED MEETING.

The election of officers of L'Union St. Joseph was held last night at the regular meeting of the society held in St. Joseph's hall. The installation of officers will take place on Jan. 7th, and R. L. Loupret will act as master of ceremonies. One application for membership was received and one new member was admitted.

The election resulted as follows:

President, J. S. Laplerre; vice president, Onesime Gervais; recording secretary, J. A. Pyante, re-elected; assistant recording secretary, Arthur Plante, re-elected; treasurer, Isidore Turcotte, re-elected; assistant treasurer, D. B. Leboeuf, re-elected; directors, Theodule Lemire, Alexis Dozois, Alexandre Lagasse, re-elected; Albo Lemire and Hilaire Dozois; visitors, Albert Leblean, re-elected; James St. Hilaire.

Round books for boys and girls, 25 cents. Lawler's.

HAVERHILL POLICE

ARE ANXIOUS TO FIND MISS SAWYER.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 18—The local police and four retail business firms are searching for Miss C. J. Sawyer, who came to this city Wednesday morning, stopping a few hours and got away with $25 worth of goods. She claimed to belong in Lawrence and also in Newburyport.

The firms victimized by her were Mitchell & Co., W. F. Thayer, the Lodlie dry goods company and A. C. Barrows.

Wednesday morning she engaged a room with Mrs. George W. Rowe, a dressmaker on Main street, saying that she was to teach in a kindergarten school.

She called upon the four firms during the afternoon, securing a silk waist, two fur muffs, a black silk skirt, a black skirt, a tailor made suit and a quantity of toilet articles. She had all the goods sent to Mrs. Rowe's house and no questions were raised.

The woman had tea with Mrs. Rowe and her family and early last evening left the house, saying she was going to make a call. She failed to return and an investigation showed that she had worn the garments she had secured, leaving the empty boxes in her room.

Miss Sawyer is about 25 years old, prepossessing and modestly but neatly dressed in a ready-made brown oxford suit. She is short and slight in build and her appearance is such as not to excite suspicion.

Crepe and tissue paper. Lawler's.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BY THE CLUB SOCIAL DE PAWTUCKETVILLE.

Officers were elected last evening by the Club Social de Pawtucketville as follows:

President, Emile Gelinas, re-elected; vice-president, Joseph Daviau; secretary, L. C. Gelinas, re-elected; assistant secretary, Rosaire Tourangeau; treasurer, Frederic Therlault, re-elected; assistant treasurer, Euclide Chumars, re-elected; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Boivin.

Five applicationns were received. Michael Lafleur and Olivs Brunelle were appointed to audit the books. The new officers will be installed on the first Thursday in January.

Ping Pong for 75 cents. Lawler's.

VERY FAST GAME

Lowell Scored Victory Over Haverhill

ALLARD SCORED FOUR GOALS FROM FIELD

Concord and Manchester Teams Clashed

About 600 persons saw the game of basket ball in Huntington hall last night, while so far as real playing is concerned the contest should have drawn a crowd that would pack the hall.

Haverhill and Lowell were the opposing teams and the game was one of the best played and closest ever seen in this city.

The Haverhill aggregation, composed of men released by Manager Gray, kept the locals on the hustle all the time and not until near the close of the third period was victory certain for the home team. With a larger attendance there would have been lively times and as it was the 600 present made enough noise as 1000 rooters. Bucky Low got the lion's share of the applause and his work was certainly deserving of the recognition it received. Time and again Bucky ran around the floor holding off his men and giving them no chance to interfere with his fine work.

Allard was back in the game after a rest of one night and though he did not begin to do things until the third period, nevertheless once he started there was no stopping him. He threw four baskets in succession and had Jimmy Harrington in a quandary all the time.

Abbott, the captain of the team, who by the way, uses the best headwork of any man on the local team, played his usual steady game and was always on the alert for an opening.

Cairns and Doyle were the great center of attraction for the play of these men is always a treat. "Smiling Pat" is one of the best natured fellows in the game and even when he crashed into the fence and received a cut on the forehead he came up smiling and ready to continue the battle. Once Doyle and Cairns both plunged over the fence and fell to the floor outside the playing space. Other players rushed to their assistance and helped them back.

In the third period Henry Tighe retired in favor of McFarland and the crowd joked for some fast work by Haverhill inasmuch as they had a fresh man, but try as they would they could not land a basket and the game closed with the score 19 to 8 in favor of Lowell. The referee anounced that tomorrow night Concord, the team that is making a fight for first place with Lowell, will play in this city. There will be an amateur game prior to the big contest.

In the amateur game last night the Brookside defeated the Crimsons by a score of 15 to 3.

LOWELL.	HAVERHILL.
Allard lf	rb Harrington
Abbott rf	lb Lynch
Cairns c	c Doyle
Field lb	rf Tighe (McFarland)
Holleron rb	lf Low

Won by	Scored by	Score.
Lowell, third foul		1—0
Haverhill, third foul		1—1
Lowell, third foul		2—1
Haverhill, third foul		2—2
Lowell, third foul		3—2
LIMIT.		
Haverhill, Low		3—4
Lowell, third foul		4—4
Haverhill, third foul		4—5
Lowell, third foul		5—5
Lowell, Cairns		7—5
Lowell, third foul		8—5
Haverhill, third foul		8—6
LIMIT.		
Lowell, Allard		10—6
Haverhill, third foul		10—7
Lowell, third foul		11—7
Lowell, Allard		13—7
Lowell, Allard		15—7
Lowell, Abbott		17—7
Lowell, Allard		19—7
Haverhill, third foul		19—8

Score—Lowell 19, Haverhill 8. Goals by Allard 4, Cairns 4, Abbott 3, Low 1. Fouls by Holleron 6, Cairns 1, Field 2, Abbott 3, Allard 3, Lynch 5, Harrington 1, Doyle 5, Tighe 3, Low 2. Referee, Charles Conners. Timers, Bucky Halloran, Connie Driscoll. Attendance, 600.

CONCORD 37, MANCHESTER 16.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 18.—The Concord basketball team defeated Manchester last evening by a score of 37 to 16. It was the cleanest game between these two teams seen here this season. The home team had good luck in the making of her shots for the baskets while Manchester was particularly unfortunate, the ball falling to the floor from the rim of the basket. Tighe was the star player of the evening, and Herron started fast but was later handicapped by a bad knee. For Manchester while the whole team did good work Devlin and Qualey were the chief performers. The lineup:

CONCORD	MANCHESTER
Sykes lf	rb Donnelly
Stewart rf	lb Qualey
Kane c	c Lynch
Tighe lb	rf Devlin
Herron rb	lf Healy

Summary: Score Concord 37, Manchester 16; goals from floor, Tighe 5, Kane 4, Sykes 1, Herron 3, Stewart 2, Lynch 2, Devlin 2, Qualey 2, Donnelly. Goals on fouls, Concord 1, Manchester 2. Referee, Hill. Scorer Leighton. Timers, Smith and Bodet. Attendance, 400.

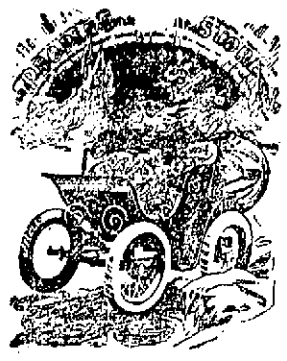
Concord with Kane, the champion basket thrower will play in Huntington hall tomorrow night. Lowell will have to play every minute of the game to down this swift Concord bunch with whom our boys are tied for first place.

Up to the third period Haverhill gave Lowell a great scare and many of the local rooters thought the Shoe City boys would steal away a victory. That Haverhill bunch certainly can play the game.

AT M. T. I.

MUSICAL CLUB HOLDS REHEARSAL.

The musical club of the Mathews held its regular weekly meeting and rehearsal last evening with a very large attendance. Director James A. Murphy was present and directed the ringers. Mr. Murphy is much impressed with the work of the club so far as it has progressed and predicts a rosy future for it. The membership of the club is now about seventy-five.



What Can You Buy

For a Christmas Present

That will give more satisfaction to the giver as well as the receiver, than some article of daily necessity and comfort? What Will Equal for the Price one of those Solid Oak Handsomely Carved Leather Seat Rockers we are offering at **2.48**

Over 100 different distinct styles Rockers, in all woods and upholsteries. In a comprehensive and gradual scale of prices from **1.50 to 20**

And Again a Couch

Another article of the greatest home comfort, and they do not cost much if you buy them here. You can buy a Velour covered one as low as $5.00. A very fair tufted one with solid oak frame for $7.75. 25 styles ranging in price.
$10, $12, $15, $18, $20, $22 and $25

Book Cases and Combination Book Case and Desks

A fine one in solid quartered sawed oak, polished swelled glass door to bookcase. Beautiful shaped French plate mirror top, for $19.50
You'll pay $25 for it in Boston.

Another Favorite Article of Home Comfort

Morris Chairs, solid oak, velour upholstery $5.00
Others, $7.50, $8.50, $10.00, $12.00, $15.00 and $18.00.

Children's Rockers and High Chairs

50 styles to select from..50c to $6.50

Can You Think of a Greater Relief From Tiresome Labor

than a Carpet Sweeper will bring to a woman.....$1.95 to $3.50

House Desks

Just think of the welcome such a gift would get in any home without one. We have them from
$5.00 to $19.50

There is Always Room for a Picture.

We have hundreds of them from $1.00 up to $8.50. A very handsome, good size, gilt frame one for.....$2.00

Rugs, Rugs, Rugs

All sizes, from door rug to large art squares, ingrain, tapestry, velvets, Smyrna. A very beautiful one for a present $3.50

In Fact This Store is Loaded to Bursting Point With Seasonable Merchandise

Parlor Lamps, Parlor Clocks, Vases, Mirrors, Hat Trees, Parlor Tables, Sideboards, Dinner Sets, Parlor Sets, Odd Pieces, Gilt Chairs, Music Cabinets. And what is the matter with a Crawford Range for a present?

STAMP COLLECTORS, ATTENTION! We have a number of articles that we are closing out or that we have too many of. As a special inducement to close them out we will give 3, 4 and 5 Stamps in place of 1 on these articles.

SEE OUR SHOW WINDOWS, THE HANDSOMEST DISPLAY IN TOWN, PEOPLE SAY.

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The Place for Christmas Bargains

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NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

SUIT, OVERCOAT SALE

Great Success

Pants Free!

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10,000 Yards Scotch Woolens, Worsteds, Coverts

Fit Guaranteed or Money Back

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Useful As Well As Ornamental

What is more acceptable, or in good taste for an Xmas Gift than Clothing for Men,
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This is the time of the year when every penny counts and each and everyone expects to be remembered. Now we appeal to you as "Santa Claus," in as much as we provide you with an opportunity to spend your money for other mementos and furnish you all the Clothing you need

On Easy Payments

Thus not only pleasing you, but furnishing you an opportunity of making your friends happy.

"What Shall We Buy For Friends or Relatives?"
This is the cry of the multitude.

If your purchase is purely ornamental, we are out of it; but if useful we are in it. Use your money where you will, but come to us for your Clothing on Credit.

A Few Necessities On Credit

Men's Overcoats, Suits, Pants, Hats and Shoes, on easy terms. Ladies' Jackets, Coats, Tailored Suits, Skirts, Waists, Millinery and Shoes. Children's Garments of all kinds for the asking. We follow a liberal policy, that's why we have a healthy growth.

The Largest Stock. The Most Liberal Credit, in Fact the Only Place For Cash Prices on Easy Payments For Men, For Women, For Children.

Save your Christmas Money and Buy Your Clothing on Credit From Us.

STANDARD SUPPLY COMPANY

72 PRESCOTT STREET

A CHRISTMAS MORN AWAKENING

(How a Boy Aroused the Household on the "Day of Days")

By ANDREW P. ELKSTON

Sleep is over; hear that horn.
Wake up, Jack, it's Christmas morn.
See the stockings stuffed so tight—
Golly, how I wish 'twas light!
Wait; I'll feel and tell what's there.
Ouch! My finger's caught for fair.
Wake up, Jack! How can you snore
Christmas day at half past four?
I'll get up and strike a match.
Maybe Jennie 'll hear the scratch!

Pshaw! I don't care; I can't wait;
It is getting awful late.
Jen, is that you? Christmas gift!
I caught you. Now help me lift
This big bundle off my chair.
Let's wake Tom up. Pull his hair.
Toot your horn, Jack, wake them all!
Let's hit Papa with the ball.
Beat your drum, Tom; blow your horn.
Get up, Pop, it's Christmas morn!

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LEFT A FORTUNE

Mrs. Malcolm Knew Nothing of It

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Left an heiress in her infancy, and only discovering the fact when she was 27 years old and married is the experience related to Probate Judge Cutting by Mrs. Clara Laing Malcolm, in proceedings begun to ascertain what had become of an estate originally valued at $135,000, alleged to have been dissipated by her father and guardian, Guthbert W. Laing, once a real estate dealer in Chicago. The court ordered a box in a safety deposit vault opened in the hope that some remnant of the property may be discovered.

Mrs. Malcolm told the court that her mother died in 1876. Immediately afterward the little girl was sent to her father's parents in Lapeer, Mich. Occasionally, she said, her father sent her money, the largest single sum being $30, but she never knew that she was an heiress until she was married last June and went to reside in Ann Arbor.

Former Governor Hamilton, who has charge of Mrs. Malcom's case, had summoned Laing and former Senator Mason as counsel, into court to show what had become of the money. Neither appeared but an expense account of guardianship was produced that surprised Judge Cutting. It included items ranging from $3 for repairing an office desk to $2600 which was paid for a trip to Europe. Incidentally, among the investments was a payment of $27,000 for land in Captain Streeter's district of Lake Michigan, made without permission of the court.

Judge Cutting ordered a citation issued for the plaintiff's father to compel his appearance in court.

HOW OLD IS ANN?

She'll be in the window of the women's department of the Merrimack Clothing Co. until Christmas. The person guessing nearest the correct age may select merchandise to the value of $25 the day after Christmas.

ITALIAN KILLED

By the Explosion of Dynamite

IPSWICH, Dec. 18.—By the explosion of a charge of dynamite which two men were trying to remove from a wall today an Italian known as "No. 31," was killed and Andrew Currie, of Beverly, was seriously injured. The men who were employed by Contractor Deich of Beverly in the construction of foundations for a new building on the Phillips estate in this town, had placed the stock of explosive in the wall yesterday and attempted to explode it, but it appeared defective. When they tried to take it out today it exploded and blew off the top of the Italian's head. Currie was taken to the Salem hospital in a critical condition.

FLYING MACHINE

SUCCESSFUL TRIALS OF ONE WAS MADE.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 18—A successful trial of a flying machine was made yesterday near Kitty Hawk, N. C., by Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio. The machine flew for three miles in the face of a wind blowing at the registered velocity of 21 miles an hour and then gracefully descended to earth at the spot selected by the man in the navigator's car, as a suitable landing place. The machine has no balloon attachment, but gets its force from propellors worked by a small engine.

CHELMSFORD.

The selectmen gave a public hearing last evening on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. for permission to erect poles and wires in Westford street from Lowell street to the house of Walter Perham. There were no remonstrants and the selectmen voted to grant the petition.

The school committee held the regular meeting last evening in the town hall and transacted routine business.

F. J. Davis Co.

Leaders in Easy Terms and Low Prices

Clothing on Credit

Come this week and look at the many things we sell in our Ladies' Department that make useful and appropriate Christmas gifts. We sell them at cash prices on our easy terms of no money down and a little a week.

No Money Down

Don't wait to save up to pay cash for your clothing. Come to us. We will trust you. Isn't it a comfort when you come to a store like this, select what your fancy chooses, and pay for the same in small weekly payments.

Ladies' Cloaks and Suits . . . . $10 to $35
Millinery . . . . . $3 to $8
Gent's Overcoats and Suits . . . $10 to $25
Boys' Suits and Overcoats . . . . $3 to $10

NEW STORE. NEW GOODS

13 Merrimack Square, 16 Prescott Street

GREEN STAMPS FREE TO CUSTOMERS.

OUR FIFTH GRAND SPECIAL

HOLIDAY SALE

OF

Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, Silver Plated Ware, Sterling Silverware, Clocks, Fancy China and Cut Glass

We intend each year to get together a line of special bargains in each of our departments at extremely low prices. Articles mentioned in this advt. are goods purchased in large quantities during the dull months when the manufacturers will sell at very low prices to keep their help in orders. These goods were pufchased especially for Christmas bargains at very low figures.

WATCHES

1 lot Ladies' 14kt Gold Filled, hand engraved cases. Fine Waltham or Elgin movement, every one warranted. Sale price **$15.50**

1 Lot Ladies' O. size, solid 14kt hand made case, extra fine Waltham or Elgin works, warranted. Sale price . . **$16.50 to $25**

One lot 14kt Gold Filled Gents' Watches, fine full Jewel, Waltham or Elgin works, warranted 25 years, price **$19**

One lot 16s Gents' solid Gold Watches, extra fine, 21 jewels, adjusted Waltham or Elgin works **$45 to $65**

Sterling Silver Toilet Sets in Silk Lined Cases $8.50 to $20

Our Special Bargain, 50 Sets Sterling Hair Brush and Comb in Case **$2.50** Set. 75 Sets Silver Hair Brush, Comb and Mirror in Case **$6.50.**

CLOCKS

50 One Day French Gilt Clocks **98c.**
25 One Day Gilt, large size warranted **$3.50**
One lot large size 8 day, strike hour and half, every one warranted . **$3.98**

CHAINS

Gents' Gold Filled Dickens Chain, with locket or charm . **$1.50 to $10**
500 Ladies' Gold Filled long Watch Chains . . **$1.50 to $7.50**

Special Sale of Nut Picks

100 Sets, silver plated, at . **9c** set
Others from . **50c** to **$1.50** set

DIAMONDS

One lot Diamond Rings 1-16 to 1-8ct in fancy hand made settings **$12**

One Lot Diamond Rings, 14kt, hand made settings in Plain, Tiffany, Belcher, or fancy settings, . . **$18 to $25**

One lot special selected White Diamonds, set in 14kt hand made Plain, Tiffany, Belcher or fancy settings, 3-8ct. . **$30 to $35**

These Diamonds are all warranted and are special value for the money.

Also a large line of Diamond Rings weighing 1-2 to 2ct. Price **$40 to $250.00**

Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons

Rogers' first quality, every piece in this lot warranted.

Tea Spoons .	Sale Price	42c	set
Dessert Spoons	"	15c	each
Table Spoons .	"	20c	each
Forks. . .	"	90c	set
Knives . .	"	$1.49	set
Sugar Spoons. .	"	35c	each
Butter Knives. .	"	42c	each

Silver Plated Novelties

300 Silver Plated Hair Receivers at **42c**
75 Silver Plated Cream Bowls, gold lined **90c**
Crumb Scraper and Tray, Bread Trays, Claret Pitcher, sale price . **98c**

Beginning to-morrow evening our store will be opened every evening until Christmas

JEWELRY

Solid Gold Link Cuff Buttons, in all the latest designs in bright polished, Roman or rose finish, extra heavy, **$2.50 to $6.50**

One lot Gold Link Cuff Buttons, set with diamonds, price, **$5.50 a Pair**

One lot Gold Filled Brooch Pins, made up exactly like a $10 gold pin set with pearls and opals; warranted. Price, **$1.65**

One lot Solid Gold Brooches, set with pearls and opals, ... **$5.00**

One lot Gold Brooches, set with diamond nad pearls in sunbursts, star and crescent shapes . . **$6.50 to $12.00**

Silver Plated Tea Sets

We have 25 patterns in high grade Silver Plated Tea Sets, From **$4.80 to $50.00**

One special 4-piece set, warranted. Price, ... **$4.80**

One lot 4-piece set, hand burnished. warranted, ... **$6.90**

One lot 5-piece quadruple plate, hand burnished, at **$9.80**

Butter Dishes to match all Tea Sets, **$1.25 to $6.00**

UMBRELLAS

A large line of fine, new and up-to-date 26 in. and 28 in. umbrellas, all the latest styles in silver and gold, horn, box wood handles **$1.00 to $12.50**

One lot special selected 26 in. fine gloria with sterling silver handles, for ladies, price, **$2.60**

SILVER PLATED

Smoking Sets, Shaving Mugs with brushes, . **$1.25 to $10**

300 Brass Candle Sticks with shade and holder, **25c each**

500 Sterling Silver Thimbles, all sizes, **13c each**

REMEMBER THESE ARE OUR SPECIAL BARGAINS FOR ONE WEEK

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FRED GRAY, Manager

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SOUTHERN DIV.

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6.22	7.40	6.30	7.26
a6.39	7.30	7.05	8.55
a6.43	7.53	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.02	a9.00	9.37
a7.24	8.10	a10.00	10.37
a7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.31
7.45	8.35	a11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.46	c1.00	1.37
11.00	11.03	2.00	3.01
a11.45	12.25	a3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.50
a1.58	2.39	a5.00	5.57
a3.03	4.20	5.38	6.35
a3.47	4.53	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
a5.22	6.15	a7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	a8.30	9.03
a6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
a6.29	8.10	11.30	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
a5.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.55
a8.20	10.16	a7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.50	a8.30	9.08
a5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6.59	8.00	7.50	8.54
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.52
9.35	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.06	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.37	3.35	4.55
2.50	3.35	4.59	6.50
3.30	4.10	6.01	7.05
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.06	6.48	9.39	10.40
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9.25	10.50		

SUNDAY TRAINS

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.30	6.35		
8.00	9.06		

Trains by western division leave Lowell from Middlesex St. Station.

aVia Bedford.

cExpress.

sFrom Middlesex Street Station only.

B Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

LOCAL NEWS

Printer—F. A. M. Tobin's Printery.

Lawler Printing Co., 29 Prescott st.

Best blacksmiths' coal $5, Stanley's.

Desk blotters with silver corners. Lawler's.

John J. Pickman, lawyer, No. 2 Hildreth building.

Hire your hacks at O'Donnell's stable. Tel. 439-4.

Mandolins, Banjos, Guitars on Instalments. Stratton & Handley, Hildreth bldg.

Challenge brand coffee, all grocers and butchers. Sullivan & Co., 147 Middle St.

Buy a nice set of furs for your best girl at Chris Holmes' 124-126 Merrimack street.

Go to Tom Kelley's for your skates. Children's skates 25c. T. H. Kelley, 292 Middlesex street.

You can fool the whole of the people some time and some people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time. Moral—The women's department of the Merrimack shows such an array of fresh, new goods suitable for Christmas gifts as you'll not find in town—cut prices to beat the stamp fever—but no stamps.

Teachers' Bibles for 98 cents. Lawler's.

CHILDREN'S HOME

MISS O'LEARY ACKNOWLEDGES FAVORS RECEIVED.

The children's home acknowledges the receipt of a load of kindling wood from Mr. James A. Thompson; half a cord of hard wood from Miss M. A. Gage; one barrel boys' clothing from Mrs. H. V. Hunt, Peabody, Mass., and a generous supply of cooked food from the First Trinitarian church.

Christmas day at the home will be observed in the usual way. Christmas dinner will be free; Santa Claus will preside and there will be an entertainment by the children.

ELLEN O'LEARY.

Diaries for 1904. Lawler's.

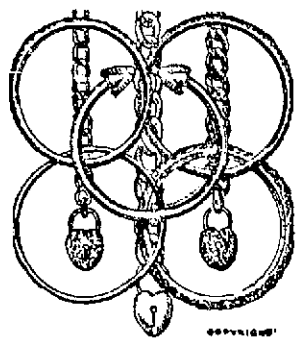
..CHEAPER..

At 50 cents a ton more than other coal he had bought, was the unsolicited statement made by one of our most prosperous business men yesterday when renewing his order for coal with us.

This with the fact that we do not charge more, should indicate to you where to buy your coal.

D. T. SULLIVAN

Office and Elevators, 45 Perry St., Branch Office, 227 Central St.



BRACELETS

skillfully wrought in gold and silver, in the highest style of artistic elegance, as well as all other kinds of jewelry, are displayed at Harris'. We are showing the latest Christmas styles, and you can choose from our big stocks well within your means. Bracelets from $1 to $5.

HARRIS, 10 Appleton Street

Christmas Drafts

Money sent to England, Ireland and Scotland at lowest rates at

JAMES F. O'DONNELL'S

STEAMSHIP AGENCY,

320-324 Market Street, corner Worthen.

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(Organist at St. John's Church.)

TEACHER OF PIANO

ROOM 27, ASSOCIATE BLDG.

WEDNESDAYS FROM 1 TILL 7 P. M.

WOOLEN TRADE

Shows a Great Falling Off

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Special telegrams from correspondents of the International mercantile agency concerning the state of trade throughout the United States are summarized as follows:

Interest and dividend disbursements at Philadelphia Jan. 1, will aggregate $9,000,000, at Pittsburg, $6,000,000 and at St. Louis, $4,000,000. At the "Quaker City" the woolen industry fell behind 25 per cent. this year, owing to previous forced production and strikes but the outlook for 1904 is good. General trade prospects at Pittsburg for next year are for gains. Chicago reports a fair outlook for next year, St. Louis an encouraging one, and for St. Paul as good as this year. Nearly all leading western railways are suffering from lack of motive power to move freight offered, the first instance of the kind this year. Inquiries for 50,000 tons of rails and structural steel at Chicago constitute one of the features of the industrial week. While Texas railways are doing a heavy business, there is some complaint of collections in that state.

The commerce of the country, in the absence of marked labor disturbances, promises to show the results of the invigorating influence of the United States having paid off not only nearly $500,000,000 of indebtedness abroad during 1903, but of our having actually established a credit on the other side in addition thereto. The export trade within three months has outrun all records.

Financial interests are less confident of as much of a January rise in the stock market as customary in view of the extent to which loans were made last summer in the fear of high rates to run until after January 1. F. A. Vanderlip of the National City bank states that as some dividends have been cut, others abolished and new issues put forth, it does not seem that the percentage of the amount to be paid out in New York as interest and dividends on Jan. 1 should change much from a year ago, when it was estimated at $100,805,000.

Inquiry in New York indicates that the year's trade at the Metropolis, other than in iron, steel, lumber and cotton goods, has averaged fully equal to and in some directions has slightly exceeded like totals in 1902.

New lot of furs at Chris Holmes, 124-126 Merrimack street.

APPEAL FOR HELP

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF BOERS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Peter Van Vlissingen has received a letter from General Christian R. Dewet acknowledging the receipt of $1,165, a contribution to the Boers in the neighborhood of Kopjes siding, Orange River colony, who were ruined by the recent war and unfavorable conditions since the conclusion of peace.

"Accept," writes General Dewet, "my thanks for your services in behalf of our poor, ruined people and also to those who enabled you to send this sum. We hardly have had rain since the conclusion of peace, and harvests have been failures.

"Further help would be welcome. I do not ask for myself, but beseech further aid for the widows and children of the heroes killed in the recent war."

Artistic decorations at the Armory tonight.

ANARCHIST ARRESTED

HE IS CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—Charles Pierson, a local anarchist, has been arrested charged with disorderly conduct. He was tried in recorder's court on a charge of obstructing the streets, found not guilty and discharged.

There was no foundation for the sensational stories sent out by correspondents of eastern and northern papers that plans of President Roosevelt's home at Oyster Bay were found in Pierson's possession.

Military Dance tonight, 25 cents.

LARGE THEFTS

LAID AT THE DOOR OF YOUNG CLERK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—While working on a salary of $9 a week, Gus A. Grigsby has robbed his employers at the rate of $90 per day, according to Manager David L. Rose of M. L. Barrett & Co.

When arrested $250 worth of costly vanilla beans were found concealed in Grigsby's clothing. In the few months that his meager salary has kept him attached to the firm it is believed that he has stolen between $12,000 and $15,000 worth of stock.

CHAFING DISHES.

We have just received a lot that came in a little late, and we have decided to mark them away down. $3.50 reduced to $2.69; $4.00 reduced to $3.25; $5.00 reduced to $3.75; $6.00 reduced to $4.00. We have only a few. Come early. The Thompson Hardware Co.

Our Favorite

GOLD

ENAMEL

is a washable enamel that can be applied on any surface.

It makes cheap-looking articles appear smart and expensive. It is just as bright, smooth and rich-looking as the genuine gold leaf.

25c and 50c boxes

C. B. Coburn & Co.

63 Market St.

DUBOIS MYSTERY

Has Been Partly Cleared Away

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Part of the mystery that surrounded the life of Alpheus D. Dubois has now been cleared away. Dubios was principal of a public school here 53 years. He lived as a recluse and when he died the other day, even his most intimate friends were astonished to learn that he had left an estate valued at half a million; that he had been married and separated from his wife half a century ago and had a daughter whose married name he did not even know. Information as to the whereabouts of the widow and daughter has been obtained. They have lived for several years with friends in Kingston, N. Y., and are now spending the winter in Florida. The daughter's name is McKee and she also is the mother of a little girl whose existence the old school master was unaware.

It is not known whether the widow and the daughter intend to institute a contest for the wealth. So far as known Mrs. Dubois, the widow, and Mrs. McKee have not written to inquire, even formally, of the death or of the estate. The will which brought their existence to light left Mrs. McKee only $10,000.

The principal legatees were Dubois' two sisters who live in this city, and a brother who lives in California. Small legacies also were left to several teachers.

Dainty card cases. Lawler's.

Mr. L. E. Baril, the well known horse dentist, will start for New York Dec. 24.

COTTON MARKET

DID NOT SHOW SO MUCH ACTIVITY TODAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The cotton market was not so active today as yesterday but reflected continued excitement, coupled with much uncertainty. Cables showed great irregularities abroad but at the time of the local opening were as high as expected and the market here opened firm, unchanged to 7 points higher, placing all the active months at new high records for the season with January just after the call selling at 12.64; March at 12.85 and May and July at 12.90. Following this there was immense realizing which eased the market off to about last night's finals but there seemed little bear pressure and the general undertone remained firm in a feverish way with fluctuations narrow and irregular.

Address books and visiting lists. Lawler's.

IRISH VOLUNTEERS

HELD SECOND DANCE LAST EVENING.

The Fifth Regiment, Irish Volunteer, Fife and Drum Corps, held its second dance in Hibernian hall, last evening with a large crowd and a delightful time. The Colonial orchestra played for dancing. The officers in charge were: General manager, Hugh O'Rourke; assistant manager, Michael T. Rourke; floor director, Thomas D. Lane; assistant floor director, Michael J. Sullivan; chief aid, Thomas J. Daley; aids, James J. McNamara, Michael J. Kane, Andrew F. Roach, Thomas J. Rourke, Michael H. Rourke, James Barry; reception committee, Charles J. Shanley, chairman; James O'Rourke, Peter Higgins, Geo. Jordan, James McHugh, Michael J. Lee, secretary.

GRAND SEND-OFF

GIVEN TO PRIVATE FRANCOIS TURGEON.

Francois N. Turgeon, the young marine who has been spending a 30 days' furlough at his home in Fletcher street, this city, leaves tomorrow for the Portsmouth navy yard where he will finish out his term of enlistment which expires on Oct. 18, 1904.

Last evening a number of Mr. Turgeon's friends assembled at his home and gave him a grand send-off. The event took the form of a cohweb party with whist as a side attraction. Music of a pleasing order was furnished by Miss Laura Chabot, Miss Della Emond, Misses Marie Louise and Anna Vigeant and Messrs. Majorique Cossette and Albert Lavoie. Ice cream, cake and light beverages were served. Mr. Louis Turgeon and Miss Adeline Turgeon, brother and sister of the young soldier, were the organizers of this pretty affair, which was truly a right royal send-off for Mr. Turgeon.

The prizes at whist were won as follows: First men's prize, pack of cards, Mr. Gustave Fortier; first ladies' prize, a china tray, Miss Marie Louise Barry; boobies, Mr. Louis Turgeon and Miss Marie Louise Vigeant.

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Traders National Bank of Lowell, held yesterday, it was voted that the semi-annual dividend No. 81, of four per cent. be paid by check, mailed to stockholders, January 1st., 1904, that are of record at close of business Dec. 26th., 1903.

Calendars and Christmas cards. Lawler's.

Mrs. John P. Farrell of Moyle, B. C., formerly Miss Sadie Spencer of this city, is visiting at her former home, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Hand lace collars, Oriental bazaar.

CHURCH RECTOR.

TESTIFIED IN HOPPER-DUNSMUIR WILL CASE.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—In the Hopper-Dunsmuir will case yesterday, Rev. W. C. Shaw, rector of the church of the Advent, Oakland, told of performing the marriage ceremony betwen the late Alexander Dunsmuir and the late Josephine Wallace, mother of the plaintiff, Hedna Wallace Hopper. He had heard Dunsmuir was addicted to drink and had talked with him with a view to finding out his condition. Dunsmuir talked clearly, distinctly and intelligently. He was not under the influence of liquor. During the marriage ceremony Dunsmuir made the responses in a clear and distinct manner. He was quite well, there being nothing strange about him. Mrs. Wallace was also in good health.

W. R. Mighell of the California Shipping company, whom testified for the defense, stated that Dunsmuir had always impressed him as being able to transact his business.

The popular games of Pit and Flinch. Lawler's.

Only one Oriental Bazaar in Lowell.

..THE GIFT GETTING..

Is Yours, and right joyous should it be. You will find attention, intelligent suggestions and a larger stock than ever.

TWO FOR ONE DOUBLE BLUE STAMPS

Ladies' Br. Rubbers, 2½ to 3½ 25c
Ladies' 60c Storm Rubbers...39c
Ladies' $1.00 Leggins.....69c
Misses' 75c Leggins.....49c
Children's 50c Leggins.....45c
Children's 40c Rubbers.....24c
Boys' 50c Rubbers.....49c
Boys' 50c Rubbers..... 39c
Men's Roll Edge R. Boots...$2.75
Men's $2.50, 4-buckle Overshoe $1.98
Men's $1.25, 1-buckle Overshoe 98c
Misses' $1.25, Low Heel, Box Calf Shoes $1.00

Slippers, Shoes and Foot Comforts. Our prices will enlarge the number of your gifts. Bring the misses to see our Dolls; they are beauties. Some of these little misses are going to be happily surprised. Your little miss may be one of the good guessers.

J. J. LONERGAN

225 DUTTON STREET

Xmas at the...

MERRIMACK

There are six business days left before Christmas—do you realize that neither on Broadway, New York, or Washington Street, Boston, can you see such an array of beautiful Xmas gifts suitable for every member of the family—as you'll find displayed in our windows---no trashy goods that have been saved over---no premiums---no catch penny devices employed here---we depend on low prices for high class goods to get your patronage---is that what you want?

Gifts for Men

HOUSE COATS

At $5.00 there's a choice of ten styles of fancy back cloths—in oxford, gray, black, blue, olive and wine shades.

Two styles of tricots at $6.00—plaid lined and satin faced collar and lapels.

The $7.50 range is choice fancy backs in the wanted shades—with plaids or striped backs.

The better grades at $9.00 and $10.00 include the popular double face velour cloths in new combinations; tricots with quilted satin lining and two styles of velvets.

Garments selected this week will be held for Christmas delivery if desired.

BATH ROBES

A good selection of Elderdown wraps, specially priced at $3.75—$5.00 value.

Some new designs in the $5.00 range—fancy, all over effects and plain bodies with fancy borders.

Better grades at $7.50 and $10.00.

Lounging gowns of fancy back cloths with buttons and button holes as well as cord and tassel—two styles at $10.

Choice Neckwear

Exclusive shapes and styles—in luxurious silks and satins.....25c to $2.50

Gloves

For driving, walking, dress or work—fur lined, silk lined, wool lined or unlined—a great stock....25c to $4.00

Suit Cases

Leatherette, sheepskin, cowhide—initials marked free.....$1.50 to $8.00

Umbrellas

Nobby handles—on serviceable bodies, $1.00 to $5.00

Suspenders

The sensible, serviceable kind—in single boxes.....50c to $2.00

Handkerchiefs

Linen, lawn, silk—plain or with initial, 5c to $1.00

Sweaters and Wescuts, $1.00 to $5.00

Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons, 25c to $2.00

Way Mufflets, 50c, 75c,

Mufflers, 50c to $2.00.

Dress Shields, $1 to $3.

Arm Elastics, 15c to 75c.

Gifts for Boys

Top Coats

One of those $5.00 All Wool Friezes will make a good Christmas gift for any boy. If your limit is $3.00 or $4.00 there's good choosing here, and if you want a better garment, you can pay as high as $10—and get all you pay for.

Wescuts and Sweaters

Nothing would please him so well—He needs it, too; these days show how much service and comfort he could get out of a Wescut.

The Wescut buttons up close about the neck when out in the cold, and can be opened and rolled back under the coat when indoors. Not so much danger of getting cold after it, as the sweater.

Plain grays, gray with collar and cuffs of red, blue or green—are the most wanted shades; there are also plain white, blue, garnet and same shades with contrasting collar and cuffs.

Boys' Wescuts are priced at $2.50—and are worth it.

A splendid assortment of all wool Sweaters in the desirable color combination at $1.00.

A fine worsted Sweater at $1.50.

Boys' Gloves

Wool, Kid or Mocha.....25c to $1.00

Boys' Fancy Vests, white or with neat stripe $1.50

Boys' Neckwear, a good selection at 25c

Boys' Night Robes, flannelette.. 50c

Gifts for Women

RICH FURS

Furs of standard quality are the only kinds that find their way here and ours are all fresh this season, they are the newest thing out.

Fur Coats of Nearseal—plain and combination of Beaver and Persian Lamb...$37.50, $45.00, $55.00 and $65.00

Neck Pieces.....$7.50 to $62.50

Muffs .....$7.50 to $25.00

SILK WAISTS

Our assortment includes the "party waist," "service waist," and waists for all occasions in Peau de Soie, Peau de Cyng, Crepe de Chine and Taffetas.

Every waist neatly boxed.

You will find good choosing in all the different prices,

$3.75, $5.00, $7.50, $10.00, $12.00

SILK PETTICOATS

Every woman has use for a silk petticoat and you may feel sure of pleasing her with one of the kind we have.

There is also a large showing of the mercerized and moreen petticoats which please.

In the silk petticoats we have a specially good value and on which we guarantee you a saving of one dollar; should be priced $6.00, but run out of the regular skirt so placed them at this price $5.00

Others at ....$7.50, $10.00 and $15.00

NECKWEAR

Shop around town all you please—you won't find the assortment of neckwear, such as is shown here.

Top Collar 25c to $1.50

Silk Stocks 25c to $3.75

Lace Ties 50c

All the newest top collars and sets in the ecru and white scrim, 25c to $1.50

Shirt Waists, neatly boxed, $2.00 to $5.00

Rain Coats.....$10.00 to $25.00

Muslin Underwear, 50c to $9.00 a garment

Hosiery.....25c to $3.00 a pair

Golf Vests and Sweaters, $1.00 to $5.00

Dressing Sacques.....$1.00 to $3.00

Bath Robes.....$3.95 to $5.00

MERRIMACK Clothing Company

Across from City Hall